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PREFACE

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Written and graphic commentary have been included for many of the selected series and analysis has been augmented with the calculation of the percentage change from the previous reference period together with the presentation of comparative Australian data.

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REVIEW

Overview

- The experimental GSP trend estimate in 1989-90 prices, grew by 1.7% in the September quarter. This was the largest quarterly increase for any State and well above the growth rate of final demand.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has remained stable over the past three months, following a general increase between January 1995 and August 1995.
- The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has declined over the past twelve months from 10.1% in December 1994 to 9.2% in December 1995.
- For the December quarter 1995 the Consumer Price Index (all groups) increased 0.8% for Adelaide.
- The trend estimate of retail turnover in South Australia increased by 0.2% in November 1995, continuing the easing of the growth rate since April.
- The trend estimate for the number of dwelling units approved in South Australia during November 1995 was 548, a slight decrease on October and 41.1% lower than November 1994.
- The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the September quarter 1995 fell 33.0% to \$267.1 million, the lowest since the March quarter 1987.
- The South Australian trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations in November 1995 decreased 0.7%. This is a continuation of trend decline which commenced in April.
- A total \$309.4 million of merchandise was exported from South Australia in November 1995. This was 2.8% higher than October and 9.3% lower than the corresponding period in 1994. The value of merchandise imports into South Australia during November was \$242.6 million, a decrease of 5.8% on October and an increase of 1.1% on November 1994.
- During September 1995 less than 100 working days were lost through industrial disputes in South Australia, a monthly level last attained in August 1994.
- The trend estimate for the total value of housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) for November 1995 continued its upward climb, increasing by 1.5% to \$264.2 million from the October estimate and was 7.9% higher than November 1994.
- In the September quarter 1995 engineering construction work done in South Australia fell by 29.9% (11.1% nationally) to \$141.8 million, the lowest for 3 years.

State Accounts

NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of Gross State Product(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

The constant price series for Gross State Product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

Trend Estimates (Current Prices) The Gross State Product (GSP) trend estimate in current prices for the September quarter 1995 rose 1.6% from the previous quarter to be 4.3% above the estimate for the September quarter 1994.

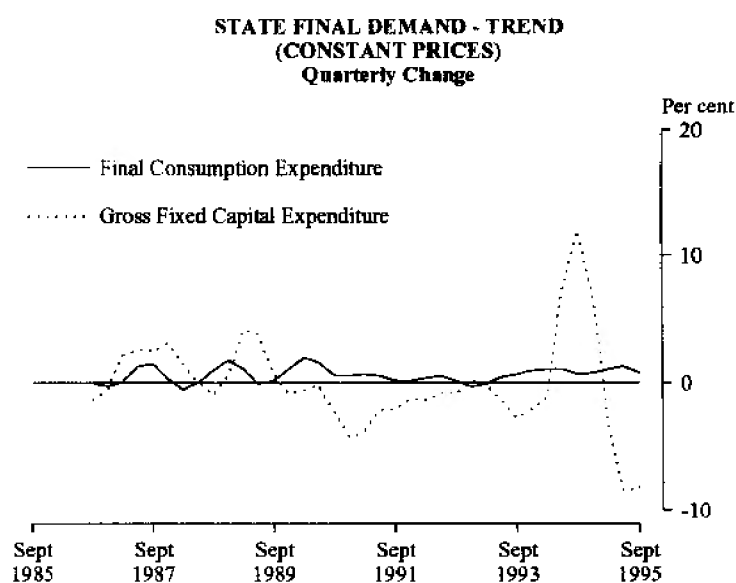
Wages, salaries and supplements increased by 1.8% in the September quarter and had risen by 3.5% over the twelve month period, well below the national increase of 7.4%

Growth in gross operating surplus remained steady, growing 0.7% in the September quarter 1995 to be 4.0% higher than for the same period last year.

Indirect taxes less subsidies grew strongly in the September quarter with a rise of 3.7% following similarly strong growth of 3.9% in the June quarter 1995.

Trend Estimates (Constant Prices)

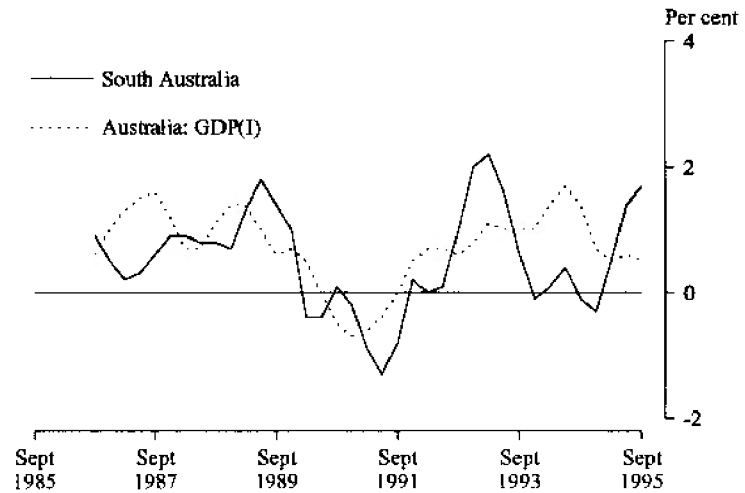
The trend estimate for South Australian State Final Demand (SFD) in constant 1989-90 prices decreased by 0.7% in the September quarter to a level 0.8% above that of the September quarter 1994.



Private final consumption expenditure increased by 1.2% in the September quarter. Private gross fixed capital expenditure on equipment was again the main contributor to the decline of 9.5% in private gross fixed capital expenditure. Private expenditure on dwellings also fell significantly.

Public final demand fell by 0.9%, due to falls in government consumption expenditure and public gross fixed capital expenditure.

**GROSS STATE PRODUCT - TREND
(CONSTANT PRICES)
Quarterly Change**



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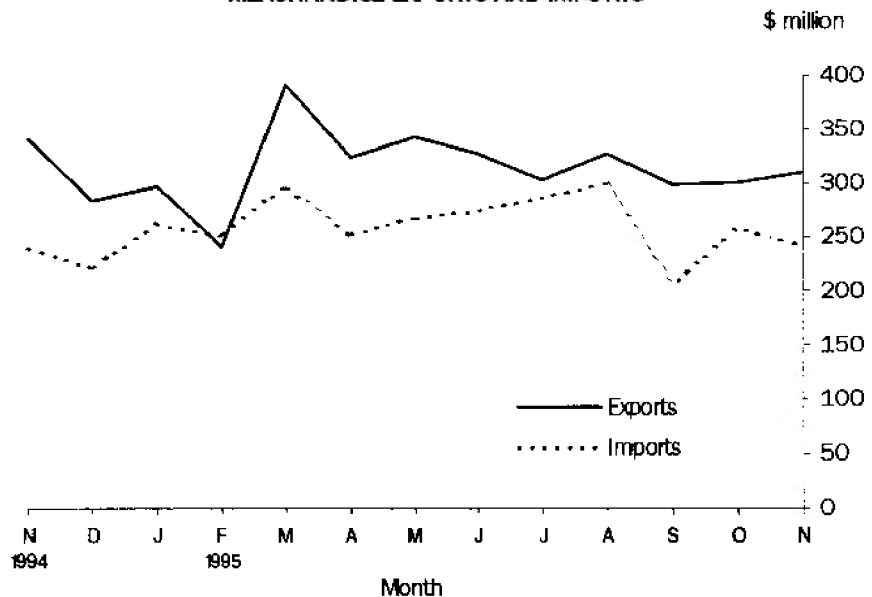
Experimental estimates of real Gross State Income (real GSI) *i.e.* GSP(I) rose by 1.4% in the September quarter 1995. The larger increase in constant price GSP than in real GSI is due to the decline in South Australia's terms of trade, which fell by 0.7%.

International Accounts

Exports

A total \$309.4 million of merchandise was exported from South Australia in November 1995. This was 2.8% higher than October and 9.3% lower than the corresponding period in 1994.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS



Imports

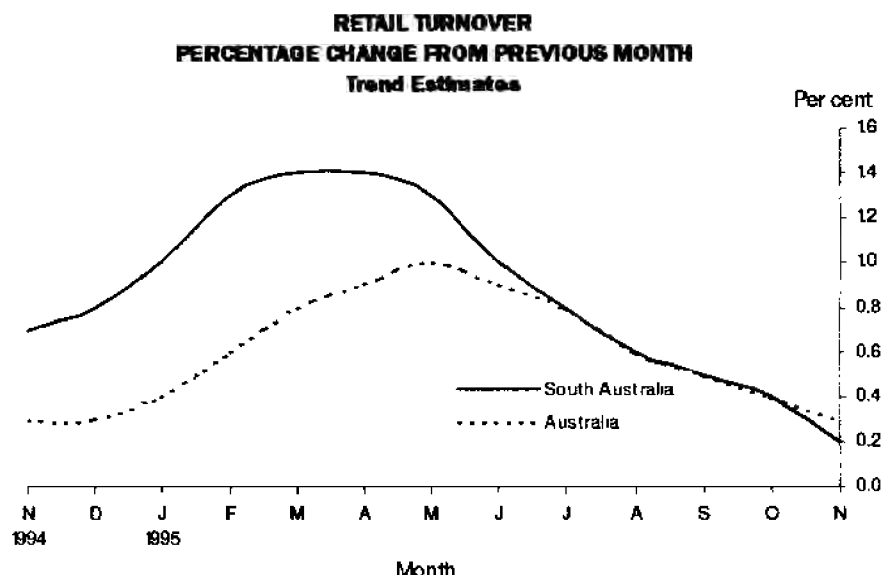
The value of merchandise imports into South Australia during November was \$242.6 million, a decrease of 5.8% on October and an increase of 1.1% on November 1994.

Consumption and Investment

Retail Turnover

The trend estimate of retail turnover in South Australia increased by 0.2% in November 1995, continuing the easing of the growth rate since April. Over the past three months the trend estimate has grown by \$8.4 million of which \$12.7 million was attributable to the food retailing group, \$2.3 million to the recreational good retailing group and \$1.9 million to clothing and soft good retailing. Strong growth in these groups has been partly negated by the decline in all other industry groups with the largest decrease of \$3.9 million in the hospitality and services group.

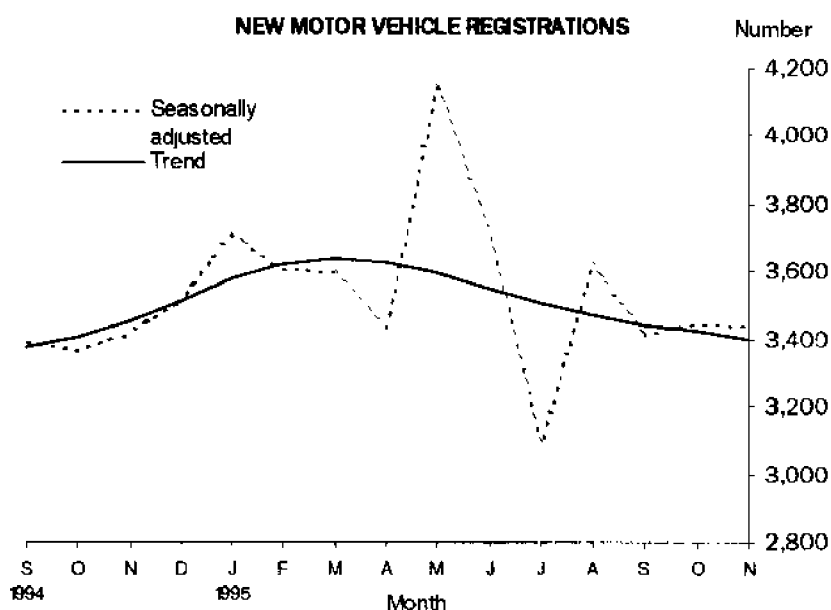
The seasonally adjusted estimate of retail trade in November 1995 increased 1.5%. In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$814.7 million for November 1995, an increase of 12.6% on November 1994.



New Motor Vehicle Registrations

The South Australian trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations in November 1995 decreased 0.7%. This is a continuation of trend decline which commenced in April. The seasonally adjusted estimate for November 1995 decreased by 0.2% from October 1995 and increased by 0.8% from November 1994.

In original terms there were 3,751 new motor vehicles registered in November 1995, an increase of 2.9% from October 1995 and 0.5% above November 1994. The leading makes of new passenger vehicles registered in November 1995 were Holden (835), Ford (669), Mitsubishi (597), Toyota (406) and Hyundai (180).



Tourist Accommodation

When the September quarter 1995 is compared with the September quarter 1994, the number of holiday flats, units and houses available for short-term letting decreased by 2.8%. Unit nights occupied decreased by 7.6% while the unit occupancy rate fell from 34.0% to 32.4%. Accommodation takings fell by 6.0% from \$2.4m to \$2.3m while average takings per unit night occupied rose from \$58.2 to \$59.3.

Private New Capital Expenditure

The trend estimate for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the June quarter 1995 was 6.7% lower than in the previous quarter. The fall for South Australia went against the national trend, with all other States recording increases and the national estimate rising by 4.2%. The South Australian estimate for the quarter now represents only 5.3% of the national estimate.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the June quarter 1995 was \$504 million, an increase of 10.4% over the March quarter. Buildings and structures accounted for \$77 million of this expenditure, and equipment, plant and machinery for \$427 million.

Production

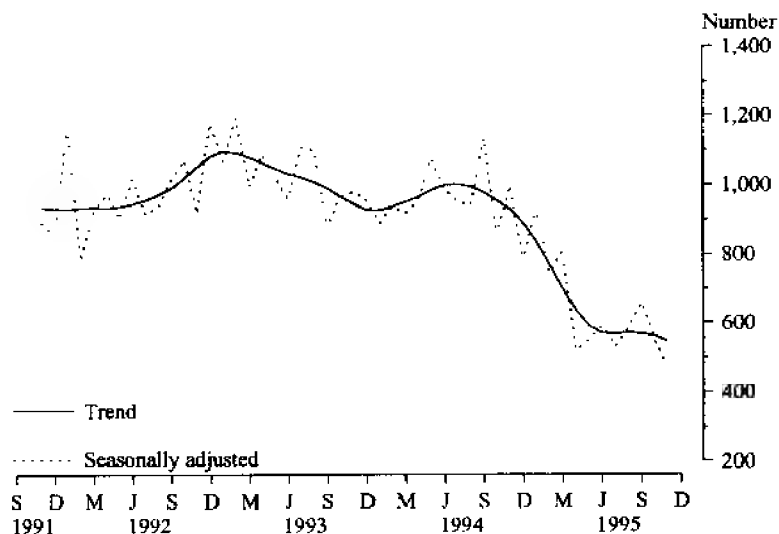
Dwelling Approvals

The trend estimate for the number of dwelling units approved in South Australia during November 1995 was 548, a 2.8% decrease on October and 41.1% lower than November 1994. The number of dwelling units approved in original (unadjusted) terms for South Australia in November 1995 was 527, a 1.5% increase on the previous month.

Nationally the trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved in November 1995 (10,176) was 1.7% lower than the estimate movement for October, registering a 33.3% decrease from the November 1994 estimate. In original terms, South Australia represented 4.8% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during November 1995.

The total original number of dwelling units approved in Australia was 11,062, a decrease of 30.5% from 15,909 in November 1994.

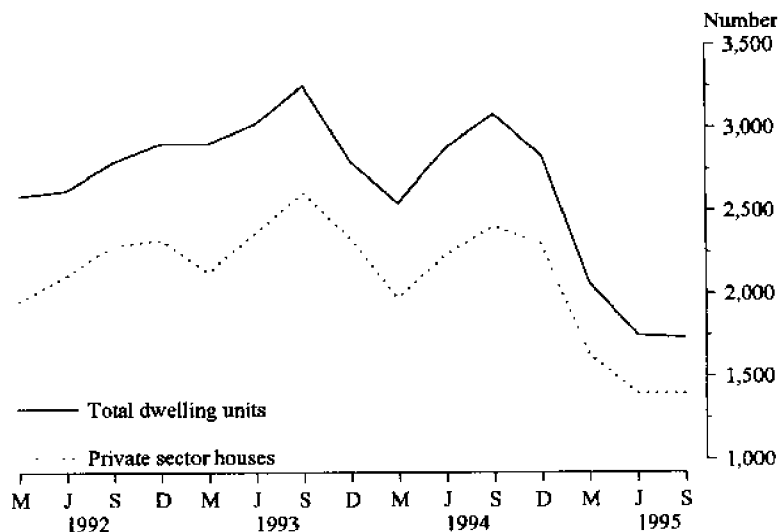
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



Dwelling Commencements

The steep fall in the number of new dwelling units commenced in South Australia over the 9 months to June 1995 was almost halted during the September quarter 1995. Data from the Building Activity Survey show that the estimated number of new dwelling units commenced during the September quarter 1995 was 1,735. Although this is down 1.0% from the previous quarter and the lowest since the March quarter 1981, it compares with a corresponding decline for the September quarter 1995 of 7.8% nationally. The latest figure for South Australia was 43.7% below the total for the September quarter 1994 while the national decrease over the twelve month period was 32.5%.

NEW DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



Value of Non-residential Building Approvals

Non-residential building approvals for South Australia for November 1995 were valued at \$33.1 million. This was less than half the October 1995 total of \$69.2 million and \$2.9 million higher than the November 1994 total.

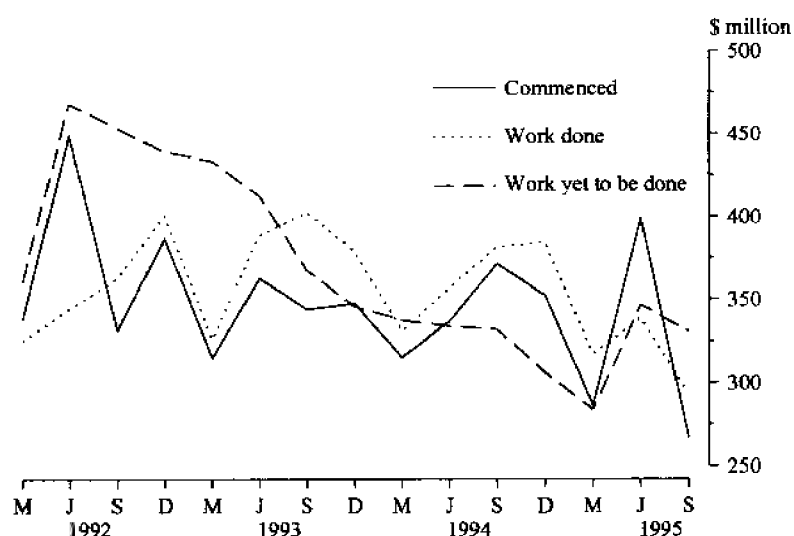
In November 1995 South Australia contributed 3.7% to the total value of Australian non-residential building approvals of \$889.7 million.

Value of Total Building Activity

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the September quarter 1995 fell 33.0% to \$267.1 million, the lowest since the March quarter 1987. The fall was largely confined to the non-residential sector, for which commencements returned to the more typical level of recent quarters. Compared with the September quarter 1994, the latest figure for South Australia represented a 28.1% decrease in building commencements while the corresponding national movement was an 11.3% decrease. The State's share of the national total of building commencements fell to 4.2% for the September quarter.

The total value of building work done during the September quarter 1995 fell 13.4% to \$293.4 million and compared with an increase of 0.9% nationally. Compared with the September quarter 1994, the latest figure for South Australia represented a 23.1% decrease in the value of total building work done while the corresponding national movement was a 1.2% decrease.

VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



At the end of September 1995, building work yet to be done in South Australia was valued at \$330.6 million, down 4.7% from the previous quarter compared with a decrease of 5.2% nationally. Work yet to be done in South Australia comprised only 3.6% of the national figure at the end of September 1995 and was 1.13 times the work done for the September quarter 1995 compared with 1.27 times nationally.

Value of Engineering Construction

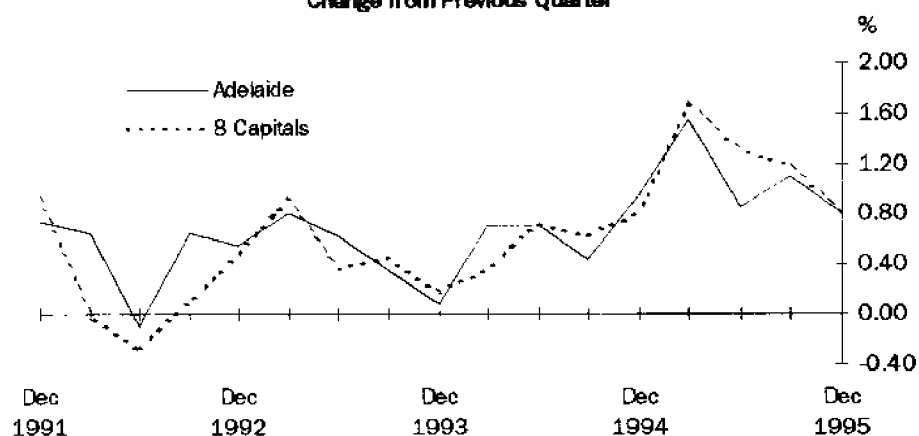
In the September quarter 1995 engineering construction work done in South Australia fell by 29.9% (11.1% nationally) to \$141.8 million, the lowest for 3 years. The fall resulted in the State's share of the national total falling to 4.3%. The value of work commenced during the quarter also fell by 29.0% to \$135.3 million or only 2.7% of the national total.

Prices

Consumer Price Index

For the December quarter 1995 the Consumer Price Index (all groups) increase of 0.8% for Adelaide was the same as the average for the eight capital cities. The annual increase for Adelaide was 4.4% while, nationally consumer prices increased 5.1%.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Change from Previous Quarter

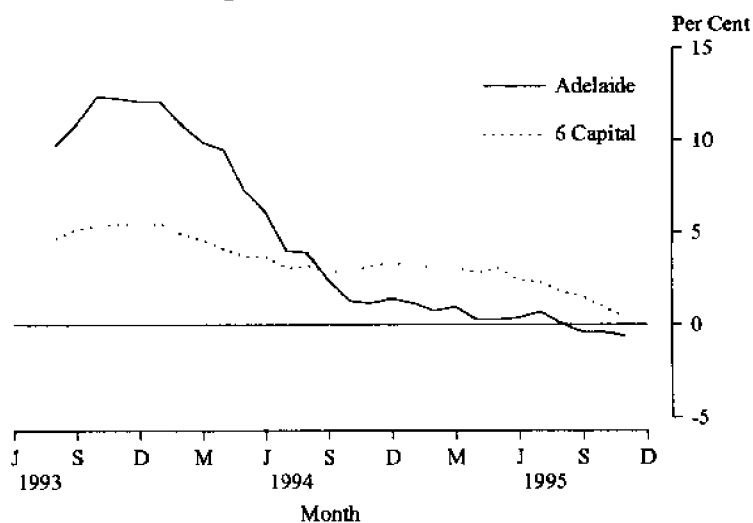


House Building Materials

Adelaide recorded a 0.3% fall in the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building for the month of November 1995. Price decreases for ready mixed concrete and plastic pipes were the main contributors to the fall in the index. The weighted average of the six State capital cities fell by 0.4%.

In the twelve months to November 1995 the Adelaide index decreased by 0.6% compared with a rise of 0.4% in the weighted average of the six State capital cities

MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING
Change from Same Period of Previous Year

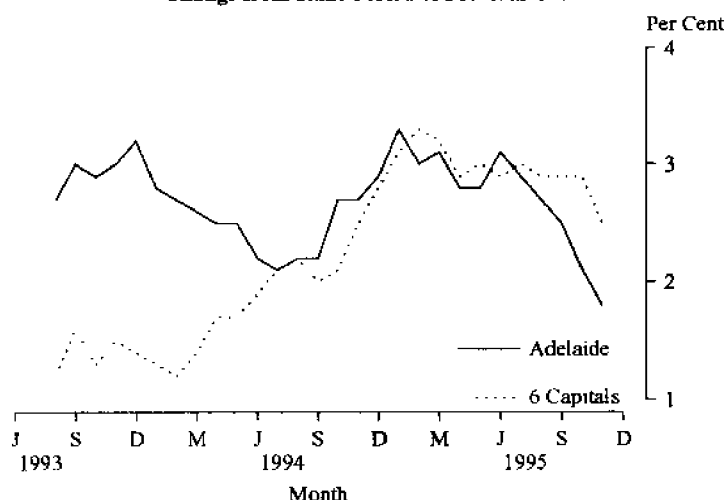


Non-house Building Materials

There was a fall of 0.2% in the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building during November 1995 for Adelaide. Price decreases in non-ferrous pipes and fittings and ready - mixed concrete were the major contributors to the fall. The weighted average of six State capital cities remained steady.

Over the past twelve months the index has increased by 1.8% in Adelaide (the lowest of the six State capital cities). The weighted average of the State capitals increased by 2.5%.

**MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING
OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING**
Change from Same Period of Previous Year



House Prices

Between June and September quarters 1995 the Price Index of Established Houses and Project Homes in Adelaide decreased by 1.1% and 1.2% respectively. Over the same period, prices for established houses and project homes in Australia rose by 0.2% and 0.8% respectively.

In Adelaide over the twelve months to September quarter 1995, there was a price decrease of 2.9% for established houses and a decrease also for project homes, of 1.0%. Nationally, for the twelve month period, established house prices recorded no change, while project homes rose by 2.0%.

Labour Force and Demography

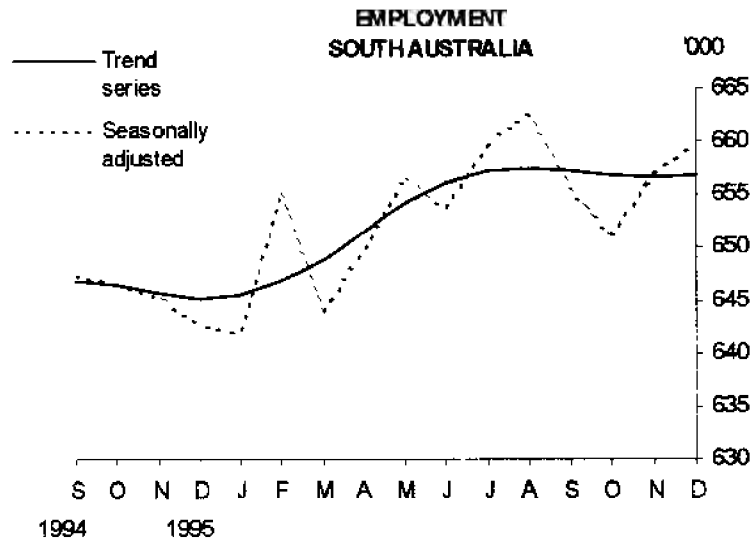
Population

At 30 June 1995 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,473,966, an increase of 964 (0.07%) during the quarter. The increase for the year ended 30 June 1995 was 4,595 persons (0.31%) while the national increase was 215,588 persons (1.21%). The continuing low growth rate for South Australia is attributable to large net outflow in interstate migration of 1,846 persons which is offset by a net inflow of overseas migration of 770 persons and natural increase of 2,040. Both net overseas migration and natural increase were substantially lower than for the March quarter.

Employment

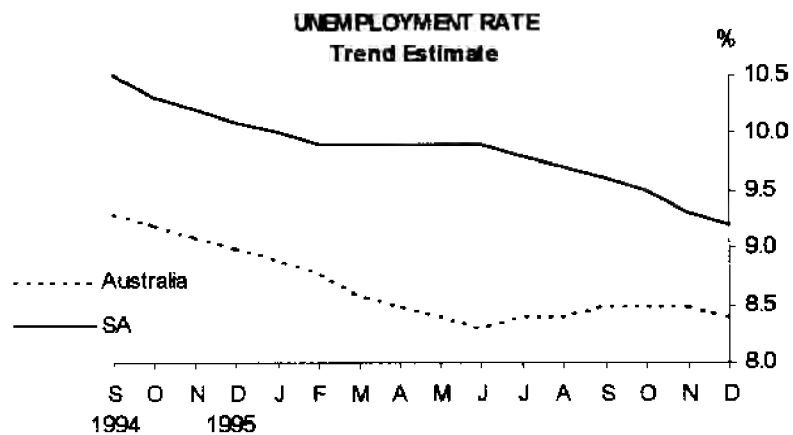
The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has remained stable over the past three months, following a general increase between January 1995 and August 1995. The December 1995 estimate (656,700) is 1.8% higher than the level of twelve months ago.

The trend estimate of employed persons in Australia (8,311,100 in December 1995) has been increasing since February 1993. In the twelve months to December 1995, full-time and part-time employment have increased by 2.9% and 3.6 % cent respectively.



Unemployment

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has declined over the past twelve months from 10.1% in December 1994 to 9.2% in December 1995. For this same period, the trend unemployment rate for males has decreased from 10.8% to 10.0%, while the rate for females has decreased from 9.1% to 8.0%.



The provisional trend estimate of the unemployment rate in Australia has decreased from 9.0% in December 1994 to 8.4% in December 1995.

Overtime

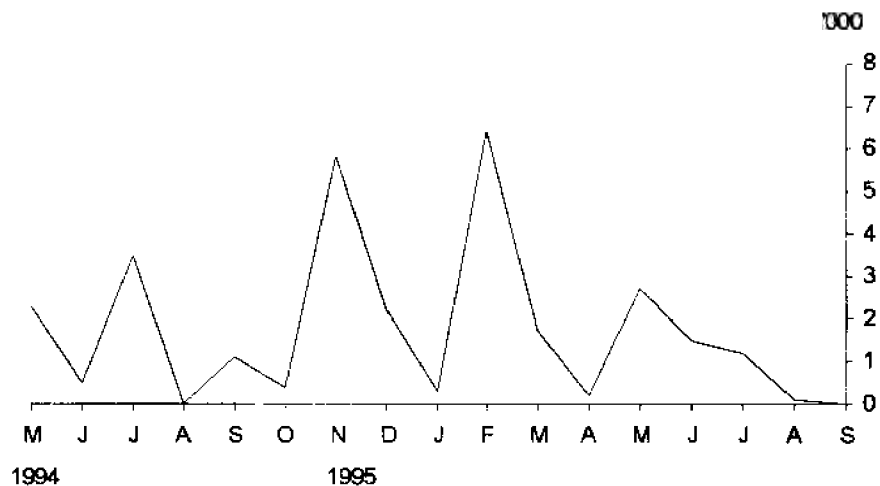
The proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in November 1995 was 14.3% compared with 17.5% in November 1994.

Industrial Disputes

During September 1995 less than 100 working days were lost through industrial disputes in South Australia, a monthly level last attained in August 1994.

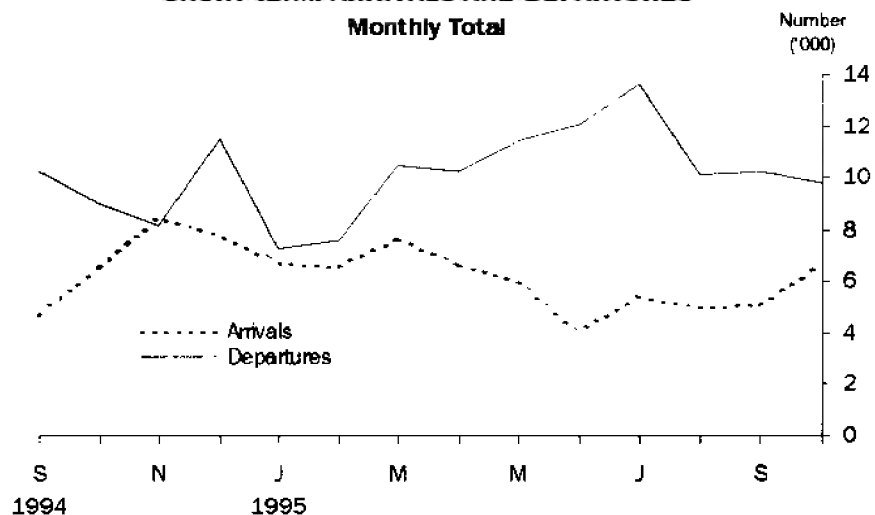
During the twelve months ended September a total of 22,300 days were lost representing 3.7% of the Australian total of 596,600 days.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, WORKING DAYS LOST



Short-term Overseas Visitor Arrivals

During October 1995 an estimated 6,645 short-term overseas visitor arrived in South Australia, a rise of 30.5% on September, and 2.8% on October 1994. South Australia's share of the Australian total for October 1995 was 2.1%.

SHORT TERM ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES
Monthly Total

Short-term Resident Departures

The number of short term departures of South Australian residents in October 1995 was 9,770 a decrease of 4.7% on September 1995 and an increase 8.9% on October 1994. South Australia's share of the Australian total for October 1995 was 10.4%.

Incomes

Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees in South Australia rose from \$614.60 in May 1995 to \$616.50 in August 1995. Male full-time ordinary time earnings increased from \$640.20 in May 1995 to \$641.60 in August 1995, while the comparable level for females increased from \$561.80 to \$562.10.

Between May 1995 and August 1995, the trend estimate of average weekly total earnings of all employees in South Australia decreased from \$516.00 to \$515.30.

Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

Award Rates of Pay

Over the 12 months to November 1995, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in South Australia increased by 1.6%.

For full-time adult male employees, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in the electricity, gas and water industry, with an increase of 4.9%. For full-time adult female employees, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in transport and storage, with an increase of 2.3%.

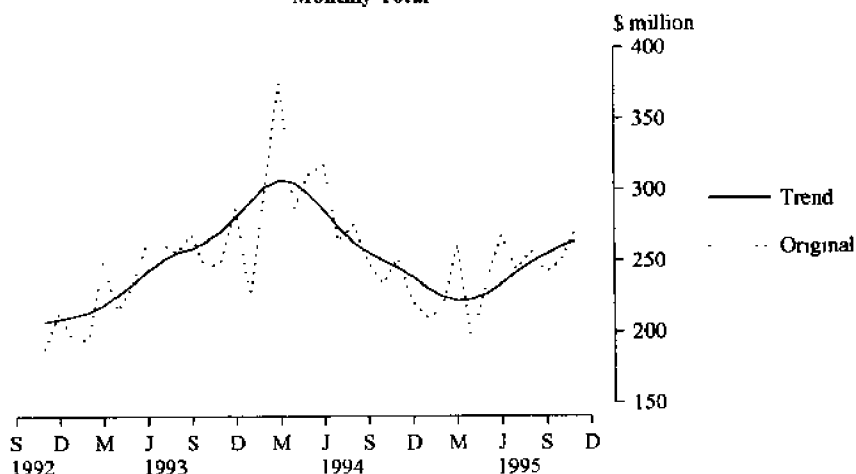
Financial Markets

Housing Finance

The trend estimate for the total value of housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) for November 1995 continued its upward climb, increasing by 1.5% to \$264.2 million from the October estimate and was 7.9% higher than November 1994.

Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased by 9.3% to \$294.3 million compared with the previous month and were 7.7% higher than in November 1994. The refinancing component reached \$59.1 million while alterations and additions reached \$23.2 million, 20.1% and 7.9% respectively of total new lending commitments.

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS (ALL LENDERS)
(Excluding Alterations and Additions)
Monthly Total



Finance commitments for construction of dwellings continued the pattern of the previous eleven months of being significantly below the equivalent month of the previous two years despite the increase in November of 11.8% above the October figure. Finance commitments for the purchase of established dwellings, the largest category, were up by 6.3% to \$166.3 million compared with the previous month but down by 1.5% compared with November 1994. Commitments for the purchase of newly erected dwellings increased by 5.6% to \$13.8 million.

Personal Finance

The growth in personal finance commitments continued with the increase of 8.7% to \$203.9 million during November which is 6.7% above the previous November.

The main increase occurred in secured personal finance commitments under revolving credit facilities which rose by 72.2% to \$38.2 million during the month, 78.0% above November 1994. This brought total revolving credit facilities to \$81.8 million, 23.0% above the previous month and 64.4% above November 1994.

Total personal finance commitments under fixed loan commitments increased marginally during the month to \$122.1 million but were 13.6% down on the previous year. Sales of used motor vehicles and station wagons, the largest category under fixed loan commitments, decreased by 1.9% to \$38.4 million during the month, 8.2% below November 1994. Sales of new motor vehicles and station wagons also decreased during the month, falling by 7.2% to \$12.2 million, 32.8% lower than November 1994.

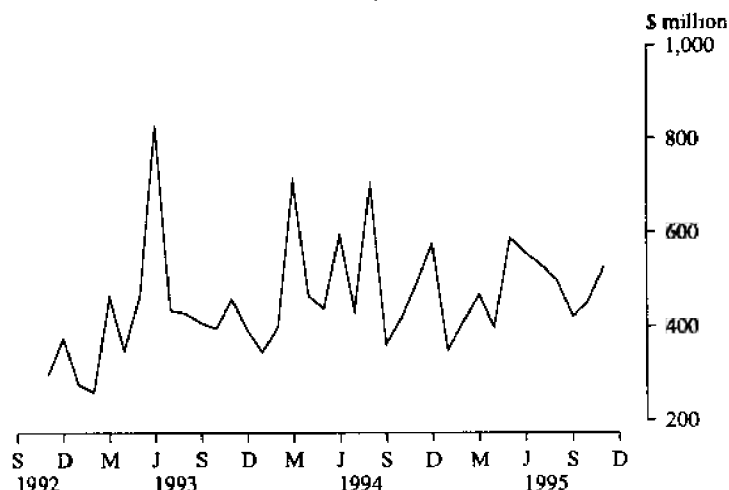
Commercial Finance

Commercial finance commitments totaled \$526.0 million in November, an increase of 17.0% on October 1995 and 6.6% on November 1994.

Commercial finance commitments under fixed loan facilities increased by 20.6% to \$303.7 million during November 3.6% below November 1994. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting increased by 46.5% to \$49.1 million during the month, up 45.4% on November 1994. The other major increases were for Retail trade and Other industries.

Commitments under revolving credit facilities increased by 12.3% to \$222.3 million in November 1995 compared with October, up by 24.8% from November 1994. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting increased significantly by \$39.8 million following a significant increase also in the previous month. Big falls were recorded for manufacturing, wholesale trade and finance, investment and insurance after their high figures in

COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
(SOUTH AUSTRALIA)
Monthly Total



Lease Finance

The value of goods under new finance lease commitments increased during November by 11.7% to \$21.0 million compared with the previous month and was 6.5% above November 1994.

The main increases were for heavy trucks, other transport equipment, electronic data processing equipment and office machines. Used motor vehicles not subject to depreciation increased by 6.4% and used motor vehicles subject to depreciation increased by 39.4%.

New motor vehicles and station wagons not subject to depreciation, decreased by 1.8% to \$4.8 million, while those subject to depreciation decreased by 44.8% to \$1.2 million during November. Construction and earth moving equipment fell by \$1.4 million after the high figure recorded for October.

Forward Outlook

Composite Leading Indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to help in the detection of turning points between successive expansions and contractions of economic activity but does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

The main features of the Australian September quarter 1995 data were:

- a fall of 0.36%, the fourth consecutive fall since the September quarter 1994 peak.. However the rate of fall eased from 0.65% in the June quarter.
- the turning point in the CLI is coincident with the last turning point in the reference series; deviations in the trend growth rate of GDP(A) from its historical long-term trend..

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4).

Australian Business Expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been a feature of the economic intelligence available to decision makers for a number of years. The main output from these surveys has been a qualitative indicator which provides the net proportion of businesses predicting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Further details about these surveys which are conducted quarterly by the ABS are available in *Australian Business Expectations* (1250.0), the September 1994 edition of *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0) and the May 1994 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4).

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES EXPECTED PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE CHANGE

Reference Period	Short term(a)		Medium term(b)	
	South Australia	Australia	South Australia	Australia
1994				
June quarter	2.0	1.9	4.1	3.3
September quarter	4.5	2.3	3.2	4.1
December quarter	-0.1	-0.5	2.8	3.3
1995				
March quarter	1.8	1.4	1.1	3.0
June quarter	0.2	1.3	0.8	2.3
September quarter	1.6	2.1	2.4	3.4
December quarter	0.6	-0.2	2.5	4.4

(a) Short term is the following quarter.

(b) Medium term is the same quarter in the following year.

Short term

Businesses in South Australia expected a rise of 0.6% in sales of goods and services in the March quarter 1996 compared with the December quarter 1995 while the national expectation was a 0.2% decrease.

Medium term

Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the December quarter 1996 to be 2.5% above December quarter 1995. Australia wide the expectation was for 4.4% growth.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator		Reference period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change		No.	% change			
				Over pre- ceding period	Over same period previous year		Over pre- ceding period	Over same period previous year		
State Accounts										
Gross domestic product (I)										
Current prices	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	8,417	0.3	2.3	116,382	1.4	4.9	7.2	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	7,559	1.3	3.3	105,068	0.5	2.3	7.2	1
Wages, salaries and supplements										
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	4,269	1.8	3.5	58,421	1.7	7.4	7.3	1
Private final consumption expenditure										
Current prices	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	5,636	3.0	6.7	73,816	3.3	6.3	7.6	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	4,860	1.2	6.0	63,586	0.8	4.0	7.6	1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure										
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	919	-9.5	-19.7	17,886	-1.5	-2.9	5.1	1
International Accounts										
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m	Nov. 95	309.4	2.8	-9.3	5,667.6	-4.1	2.9	5.5	2
Imports	\$m	Nov. 95	242.6	-5.8	1.1	6,737.8	-3.1	5.2	3.6	2
Consumption and Investment										
Retail turnover										
Current prices original	\$m	Nov. 95	814.7	5.3	12.6	10,422.9	4.9	9.1	7.8	3
Current prices trend	\$m	Nov. 95	777.5	0.2	11.2	9,980.3	0.3	7.8	7.8	3
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	1,886.6	0.8	10.0	24,511.5	1.3	4.4	7.7	3
New motor vehicle registrations										
Original	No.	Nov. 95	3,751	2.9	0.5	51,951	-2.9	-6.3	7.2	4
Trend	No.	Nov. 95	3,400	-0.7	-1.5	50,060	-1.1	-5.2	6.8	4
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities										
	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	37.1	3.6	6.7	851.6	12.6	12.1	4.4	5
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices original	\$m	June qtr 95	504	10.4	24.2	9,519	20.9	17.3	5.3	6
Current prices trend	\$m	June qtr 95	487	-6.7	14.3	9,233	4.2	19.1	5.3	6
Private new capital expenditure										
	\$m	1994-95	2,072	..	39.0	34,657	..	20.5	6.0	6
Expected private new capital expenditure										
	\$m	6 Months to Dec. 95	n.y.a.	..	n.y.a.	18,963	..	11.7	n.y.a.	6
Expected private new capital expenditure										
	\$m	1995-96	n.y.a.	..	n.y.a.	35,456	..	3.6	n.y.a.	6
Production										
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original	No.	Nov. 95	527	1.5	-50.0	11,062	6.9	-30.5	4.8	7
Trend	No.	Nov. 95	548	-2.8	-41.1	10,176	-1.7	-33.3	5.4	7
Dwelling unit commencements										
	No.	Sep. qtr 95	1,735	-1.0	-43.7	33,295	-7.8	-32.5	5.2	8a
Value of non-residential building approvals										
	\$m	Nov. 95	33.1	-52.2	9.3	889.7	-23.5	21.8	3.7	7
Value of total building activity										
Commenced	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	267.1	-33.0	-28.1	6,316.1	-5.5	-11.3	4.2	8
Work done	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	293.4	-13.4	-23.1	7,148.4	0.9	-1.2	4.1	8
Work yet to be done	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	330.6	-4.7	-0.5	9,062.1	-5.2	0.0	3.6	8
Value of engineering construction work done										
	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	141.8	-29.9	-9.6	3,312.7	-11.1	11.1	4.3	9
Manufacturing production										
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	Oct. 95	672	-2.0	-19.9	13,714	-0.2	1.9	4.9	10
Cheese	tonnes	Sep. 95	3,272	23.5	10.1	26,042	77.4	20.7	12.6	10
Red meat	tonnes	Nov. 95	22,434	6.9	-7.6	236,115	7.0	-7.6	9.5	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)										
	\$m	Sep. qtr 95	5.6	-15.2	21.7	222.9	-8.9	-1.4	2.5	12

			SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA				
			% change			% change				
			Over pre- ceding period			Over pre- ceding period			SA as a % of	
Reference period			No.	period	year	No.	period	year	Australia	Source index
Prices										
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Dec. qtr 95	121.1	0.8	4.4	118.5	0.8	5.1	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building	1985-86=100	Nov. 95	152.9	-0.3	-0.6	157.0	-0.2	0.4	..	14
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Nov. 95	112.4	-0.2	1.8	112.7	0.0	2.5	..	15
Established house price index	1989-90=100	Sep. qtr 95	110.0	-1.1	-2.9	112.6	0.2	0.0	..	16
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	Sep. qtr 95	113.2	-1.2	-1.0	109.6	0.8	2.0	..	16
Labour Force and Demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	June qtr 95	1,474.0	0.1	0.3	18,054.0	0.3	1.2	8.2	17
Labour force										
Original	'000	Dec. 95	732.8	1.5	1.3	9,179.3	1.2	2.4	8.0	18
Trend	'000	Dec. 95	723.1	-0.1	0.8	9,076.3	0.1	2.4	8.0	18
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Dec. 95	666.3	1.3	2.6	8,430.7	1.2	3.4	7.9	18
Trend	'000	Dec. 95	656.7	0.0	1.8	8,311.1	0.2	3.0	7.9	18
Participation rate										
Original (a)	%	Dec. 95	62.5	0.9	0.6	64.5	0.7	0.6	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Dec. 95	61.7	-0.1	0.3	63.8	0.0	0.6	..	18
Unemployment rate										
Original (a)	%	Dec. 95	9.1	0.2	-1.1	8.2	0.1	-0.8	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Dec. 95	9.2	-0.1	-0.9	8.4	-0.1	-0.6	..	18
Job vacancies	'000	Nov. qtr 95	1.5	-40.0	-66.7	56.1	-9.5	-15.0	2.7	19
Average weekly overtime per employee	hours	Nov. qtr 95	1.0	-8.7	-18.8	1.2	5.5	-16.1	..	19
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	Sep. 95	0.0	..	..	40.1	-7.4	39.9	0.0	20
Short-term overseas visitors										
arrivals	No.	Oct. 95	6,645	30.5	2.8	320,659	26.1	6.3	2.1	21
Short-term resident departures	No.	Oct. 95	9,770	-4.7	8.9	94,040	-65.0	-49.0	10.4	21
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)										
Original	\$	Aug. qtr 95	613.80	0.3	1.9	651.90	0.7	5.1	..	22
Trend	\$	Aug. qtr 95	616.50	0.3	2.6	654.20	1.3	5.1	..	22
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)	Jun.1985=100	Nov. 95	147.0	0.0	1.6	144.7	0.1	1.5	..	23
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance	\$m	Nov. 95	294.3	9.3	7.7	4,218.6	8.0	1.5	7.0	24
Finance commitments										
Personal	\$m	Nov. 95	203.9	8.7	6.7	3,023.8	7.9	27.5	6.7	25
Commercial	\$m	Nov. 95	526.0	17.0	6.6	10,428.2	8.8	15.1	5.0	25
Lease	\$m	Nov. 95	21.0	11.7	6.5	599.3	11.7	8.3	3.5	25
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans (a)	%	Dec. 95	..	..	..	10.50	0.0	0.0	..	26
Small overdraft rate (a)										
Minimum	%	Dec. 95	..	..	..	11.00	0.1	0.7	..	26
Maximum	%	Dec. 95	11.25	0.0	0.3	..	26

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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Upcoming Changes to the Labour Force Survey

Introduction

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) has been conducted quarterly from 1960 to 1977, and monthly from 1978 onwards. A major redesign of the LFS was last undertaken prior to introduction of monthly surveys.

In view of the considerable changes and restructuring of the labour market, the technological changes taking place in the information industry and the resultant cost savings that can be made from these technological changes, the ABS has concluded that a major review of the methodology of the survey and its processing is now warranted.

The major changes planned are:

- a redesigned LFS questionnaire
- a redesigned survey sample
- the introduction of telephone interviewing
- the introduction of computer assisted interviewing

The first of the changes to be implemented will be telephone interviewing, which is scheduled to be phased in from July 1996. Subject to the successful completion of development work, computer assisted interviewing and the redesigned questionnaire will be introduced in late 1997. Also at this time, a new sample design will be implemented and a fresh sample selected.

This article describes each of these changes, and includes a discussion of their possible impact on labour force estimates.

The Labour Force Survey at present

The LFS is conducted each month as part of the Monthly Population Survey (MPS). The survey sample covers some 30,000 dwellings i.e. private residences, hotel/motels, nursing homes, etc., selected throughout Australia, and is representative of the civilian resident population. Each month the MPS collects demographic and labour force information about all persons aged 15 years and over in selected dwellings. In most months, supplementary surveys are also included in the MPS. Different supplementary surveys are conducted throughout the year, covering particular aspects of the labour market or other topics.

The LFS is conducted in the fortnight commencing on the Monday falling between the 6th and the 12th of each month. Questions are predominantly asked in relation to the week preceding the interview week. This is the reference week of the survey.

Households stay in the survey for eight consecutive months. Each month one eighth of the sample is replaced by new households. Interviews are usually conducted at the respondents homes by trained ABS interviewers using a paper and pencil questionnaire.

While survey information is collected for all usual residents of the selected household, interviewers generally obtain the information from one responsible adult of the household (known as proxy respondent methodology).

Further details on the current LFS are contained in the Explanatory Notes in the back of *The Labour Force, Australia* 6204.0.

Telephone Interviewing

Telephone interviewing is a well accepted survey methodology, used in many countries for the collection of labour force statistics. In the USA, telephone interviewing has been used in the Current Population Survey since 1954. Canada commenced telephone interviewing in the Labour Force Survey in 1973; the UK in 1984. Telephone interviewing has proven to be an effective and reliable means of data collection, which can deliver productivity improvements without loss of data quality and timeliness.

Procedures for conducting telephone interviewing are nearing finalisation. A program of development and testing that will establish the best operational application of the methodology is currently underway. Some of the broad elements of the anticipated approach to be adopted are described below.

In the first month in which selected dwellings are included in the LFS, ABS interviewers will visit the households to conduct face to face interviews, as is done at the present. This approach provides the best method of obtaining the correct telephone contact number for interviews in the second to eighth months and for maintaining survey response rates. A number of studies have shown that cold contact telephone interviewing can result in lower survey response rates¹.

In general, for second and subsequent months, interviews will be conducted by telephone. Exceptions to this practice may occur for a number of reasons. Some 6% of Australian households are without a telephone². For these households, an ABS interviewer will continue to visit the dwelling to conduct the survey. Where problems may exist in conducting an interview by telephone e.g. due to hearing or language difficulties or where a respondent declines a telephone interview, face to face interviews will also continue. When telephone interviewing is fully implemented it is expected that only about 30% of interviews each month will be conducted face to face.

Telephone interviewing will be conducted by ABS interviewers calling from their own homes. If interviewers have been unsuccessful in making telephone contact they will visit the dwelling during the week to conduct a face to face interview.

Telephone interviewing will necessitate some changes to the way interviews are currently conducted. Many of the supplementary surveys conducted as part of the MPS use prompt cards to assist the respondent in answering particular questions.

As prompt cards cannot be provided to respondents during telephone interviews, procedures are being developed to convert these questions to a format appropriate for delivery over the telephone. Overseas research has shown that telephone interviewing can increase the time required to conduct an interview, and that interviewers need to use different techniques to face to face interviews to ensure the interview runs smoothly³. Training of interviewers is recognised by the ABS as an essential element in ensuring a smooth transition to the new methodology and will, therefore, be given a high priority in the lead up to implementation.

Telephone interviews will be conducted initially using the current paper and pencil questionnaire, pending the proposed introduction of computer assisted interviewing in late 1997.

Computer Assisted Interviewing

Computer Assisted Interviewing (CAI) refers to use of computers to record survey responses during the conduct of the survey interview. This methodology has developed over recent years with the emergence of portable computers and development of suitable data collection software. Many leading statistical agencies around the world are now employing CAI in the collection of household survey data.

CAI offers several benefits. Data quality can be improved in a number of ways. Interviewers are directed automatically by the computer to the next relevant question, eliminating any sequencing errors. Some editing of responses can be done during the interview, allowing queries to be resolved directly and immediately by the respondent. Introducing questioning based on responses given in previous interviews, known as dependent interviewing, can provide greater consistency and accuracy of data over time, and lead to improved respondent co-operation.

Automation of the survey questionnaire allows for more complicated sequencing, and enhances the capacity to tailor questions within an interview using information already given. The result is a more efficient survey, which produces better quality data.

Timeliness of survey processing can also be improved, as data is available in electronic form at the end of the interview. Time spent on handling paper forms and entering data into the office computing system is eliminated, leading to some cost savings. Currently, labour force data are produced in a very timely manner, and CAI is likely to provide only marginal gains. As a result, current release times will be retained after CAI and the accompanying changes are introduced.

Interviewers will be equipped with laptop computers to conduct CAI interviews. These computers are lightweight and portable, and can be readily setup for personal interviewing. Interviewers will also use these computers for telephone interviews. Again the ABS will give priority to fully training interviewers in the use of these computers in collecting data and managing their interview workloads. In making this change, particular emphasis will be given to health and safety issues.

The ABS has been able to draw on the experience and developments of a number of other countries. Specialised software, suitable for use in large official

statistical programs, has been developed by the Netherlands Central Bureau of Statistics. This software, known as BLAISE, will be used by the ABS for most CAI applications it undertakes.

Data will be transferred from interviewers homes to ABS offices via modems. This will involve the use of encryption and security software, thereby ensuring that the ABS's strict policy of security and confidentiality of data is fully maintained.

Further development and testing is required prior to finalising procedures for the introduction of CAI in the MPS. Subject to the successful completion of this testing program CAI will be introduced in late 1997.

Redesigning the LFS Questionnaire

As mentioned above, the current LFS questionnaire has been in use since the late 1970s. While the questionnaire continues to provide a wide range of relevant labour force information, the ABS believes that the questionnaire could better measure contemporary labour force characteristics.

Some aspects of the labour market are now more prominent than when the current questionnaire was designed. Examples of this are the increase in the number and types of non-standard work arrangements, and the increasing importance of part-time work. From time to time the ABS has received requests for additional data items to be added to the survey. Developments in international labour statistics standards and practices have also indicated that some of the current data items should be reviewed.

There are a number of practical problems and inefficiencies which interviewers and respondents currently have to deal with during the interview. Respondents are often irritated by the repetition of questions from month to month. The elderly are sometimes inconvenienced by the number of generalised questions they need to answer to complete the questionnaire.

Finally, as indicated above, the introduction of computerised data collection provides an opportunity to improve data quality and to use the time available for the interview more efficiently. These efficiency gains may provide scope to increase the amount of data collected.

The ABS has consulted widely with those who use labour force statistics about possible changes to the survey questionnaire. Throughout the development of the new questionnaire consultation will continue. It is planned to finalise the questionnaire by late 1996. More information will be provided, at that time, on content and methodological changes, and how time series of data are likely to be affected.

The new questionnaire will go through extensive testing before its introduction. Pilot testing of question changes has already commenced, using CAI and telephone interviewing. A number of techniques will be used to verify the effectiveness of changes. Pilot test data will be analysed, interviewers will be debriefed after each test, interviews will be observed by ABS staff on the questionnaire redesign team, and respondents will be asked followup questions to check their comprehension of questions and the accuracy of their responses.

Redesign of the Survey Sample

The MPS sample is redesigned every five years, following each Population Census. The next redesign, following the 1996 Census, will consider the ramification of the introduction of telephone interviewing and CAI.

Households selected for interview in the MPS are drawn from a multi-stage stratified area sample. The last stage of selection is typically that of seven or eight households from within a selected block, comprising forty to fifty dwellings in urban areas. The degree of clustering of selected dwellings is a function of the cost structure of the survey, and the expected effect of clustering the sample on the reliability (sampling error) of the estimates.

The introduction of telephone interviewing and CAI will lead to a reduction of travel time and a possible increase in the time required for conducting an interview. These and other changes in the cost structure of the survey will necessitate a redesign of the sample in order to improve the efficiency of the survey.

What will be the impact of the changes on labour force data?

The planned changes to the LFS have been designed to maximise the comparability of time series for major (or core) labour force variables produced by the old and new methodologies. The ABS is confident that no perceptible breaks in series will result for these items. However, the redesign will inevitably result in some changes to non-core items. In a number of instances where new data series are being produced it will be possible to also continue old series if a user requirement exists.

The ABS has drawn on the experience of a number of other statistical agencies that have successfully introduced both telephone and computer assisted interviewing. Much has been written about the impact of telephone interviewing. It is clear that differences in data can exist for some surveys using open ended and sensitive questions. For relatively short surveys employing straightforward questions, the differences have been shown to be minimal. Tests in Canada and the UK have shown that telephone interviewing does not have detrimental effect on key labour force data⁴. Testing carried out by the ABS in the late 1980s confirmed this view.

Research, particularly in the US, has shown that the quality of data from CAI interviews is as good as, if not better than, that from paper and pencil interviews⁵. The successful implementation of the technique by a number of other official statistical

agencies has confirmed this and also indicated that the impact of the change can be minimised. The most instructive of these is the experience of Statistics Canada which introduced CAI to its Labour Force Survey in 1993, in isolation from other major changes. Tests conducted as part of their development lead to the conclusion that the change from PAPI (paper and pencil interview) to CAI does not have a statistically significant impact on the labour force series, ...⁶.

The conclusion drawn from overseas experience, and from the ABS's own testing, is that in order to introduce change effectively, substantial effort needs to be devoted to ensuring interviewers are fully trained and familiar with new methodologies before they are introduced.

The ABS will inform users of labour force statistics what may be expected to occur with the data when the changes are made. This information will be provided well in advance of the introduction of the changes.

Further Information

Further information on the changes to the LFS discussed in this article can be obtained from Geoff Neideck on (06) 252 6401.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Public	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$ million)							
1984-85	10,502	3,501	3,048	1,047	18,098	17,372	9,193
1985-86	11,564	3,858	3,162	1,266	19,850	19,343	9,990
1986-87	12,451	4,200	3,255	1,286	21,192	20,657	10,654
1987-88	13,730	4,389	3,964	1,194	23,277	22,863	11,269
1988-89	15,232	4,646	4,149	1,425	25,452	25,567	12,591
1989-90	16,485	5,000	4,489	1,574	27,548	28,020	14,009
1990-91	18,097	5,474	4,228	1,503	29,302	28,321	14,776
1991-92	18,966	5,827	4,016	1,379	30,188	28,826	14,715
1992-93	19,474	6,044	3,966	1,351	30,836	30,317	15,299
1993-94	20,219	6,720	4,063	1,090	32,110	32,233	16,242
1994-95	21,615	6,615	4,993	1,206	34,444	33,745	16,531
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1985-86	10.1	10.2	3.7	20.9	9.7	11.3	8.7
1986-87	7.7	8.9	2.9	1.6	6.8	6.8	6.6
1987-88	10.3	4.5	21.8	-7.2	9.8	10.7	5.8
1988-89	10.9	5.9	4.7	19.3	9.3	11.8	11.7
1989-90	8.2	7.6	8.2	10.5	8.2	9.6	11.3
1990-91	9.8	9.5	-5.8	-4.5	6.4	1.1	5.5
1991-92	4.8	6.4	-5.0	-8.3	3.0	1.8	-0.4
1992-93	2.7	3.7	-1.2	-2.0	2.1	5.2	4.0
1993-94	3.8	11.2	2.4	-19.3	4.1	6.3	6.2
1994-95	6.9	-1.6	22.9	10.6	7.3	4.7	1.8
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1992 - 93 -							
June	4,838	1,563	1,033	429	7,863	7,557	3,905
1993 - 94 -							
September	4,987	1,629	1,000	238	7,853	7,792	4,046
December	5,329	1,624	1,046	285	8,285	8,495	4,090
March	4,893	1,481	958	234	7,570	7,859	3,915
June	5,010	1,986	1,059	333	8,402	8,087	4,191
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,280	1,621	1,171	240	8,311	8,224	4,114
December	5,619	1,655	1,628	261	9,188	9,013	4,226
March	5,246	1,477	1,051	321	8,090	8,118	3,985
June	5,470	1,862	1,143	384	8,855	8,390	4,206
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,636	1,606	1,025	269	8,535	8,417	4,281
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)							
1992 - 93 -							
June	4,936	1,540	1,010	326	7,813	7,826	3,934
1993 - 94 -							
September	4,995	1,570	1,003	298	7,867	7,902	3,979
December	5,042	1,629	1,001	277	7,952	7,974	4,016
March	5,090	1,688	998	274	8,055	8,093	4,061
June	5,158	1,724	1,098	265	8,254	8,244	4,106
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,241	1,705	1,247	271	8,475	8,345	4,126
December	5,349	1,657	1,321	299	8,635	8,387	4,116
March	5,462	1,630	1,251	325	8,672	8,452	4,138
June	5,567	1,641	1,122	331	8,659	8,567	4,194
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,666	1,638	1,020	321	8,640	8,701	4,269
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1993 - 94 -							
September	1.2	1.9	-0.7	-8.6	0.7	1.0	1.1
December	0.9	3.8	-0.2	-7.0	1.1	0.9	0.9
March	1.0	3.6	-0.3	-1.1	1.3	1.5	1.1
June	1.3	2.1	10.0	-3.3	2.5	1.9	1.1
1994 - 95 -							
September	1.6	-1.1	13.6	2.3	2.7	1.2	0.5
December	2.1	-2.8	5.9	10.3	1.9	0.5	-0.2
March	2.1	-1.6	-5.3	8.7	0.4	0.8	0.5
June	1.9	0.7	-10.3	1.8	-0.1	1.4	1.4
1995 - 96 -							
September	1.8	-0.2	-9.1	-3.0	-0.2	1.6	1.8

STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES
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Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Private	Public	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1984-85	14,709	4,498	4,112	1,339	24,658	23,344
1985-86	14,973	4,688	3,850	1,504	25,015	25,011
1986-87	14,933	4,851	3,622	1,437	24,843	25,320
1987-88	15,431	4,877	4,243	1,303	25,854	26,005
1988-89	16,067	4,874	4,281	1,495	26,717	26,777
1989-90	16,485	5,000	4,489	1,574	27,548	28,020
1990-91	17,147	5,212	4,090	1,453	27,902	27,604
1991-92	17,451	5,339	3,845	1,321	27,956	27,188
1992-93	17,474	5,432	3,682	1,272	27,860	28,239
1993-94	17,839	5,727	3,704	1,026	28,296	29,220
1994-95	18,776	5,688	4,563	1,132	30,159	29,401
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1985-86	1.8	4.2	-6.4	12.3	1.4	7.1
1986-87	-0.3	3.5	-5.9	-4.5	-0.7	1.2
1987-88	3.3	0.5	17.1	-9.3	4.1	2.7
1988-89	4.1	-0.1	0.9	14.7	3.3	3.0
1989-90	2.6	2.6	4.9	5.3	3.1	4.6
1990-91	4.0	4.2	-8.9	-7.7	1.3	-1.5
1991-92	1.8	2.4	-6.0	-9.1	0.2	-1.5
1992-93	0.1	1.7	-4.2	-3.7	-0.3	3.9
1993-94	2.1	5.4	0.6	-19.3	1.6	3.5
1994-95	5.3	-0.7	23.2	10.3	6.6	0.6
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1992 - 93 - June	4,310	1,420	947	404	7,081	6,983
1993 - 94 - September	4,420	1,398	923	223	6,964	7,122
December	4,706	1,375	956	266	7,308	7,924
March	4,314	1,306	868	224	6,712	7,080
June	4,399	1,648	957	313	7,317	7,094
1994 - 95 - September	4,620	1,399	1,068	226	7,313	7,189
December	4,900	1,400	1,516	248	8,064	7,962
March	4,534	1,302	947	300	7,083	6,998
June	4,722	1,587	1,302	358	7,699	7,252
1995 - 96 - September	4,830	1,364	927	252	7,373	7,269
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1992 - 93 - June	4,394	1,362	928	306	6,990	7,257
1993 - 94 - September	4,429	1,368	921	280	6,998	7,298
December	4,459	1,398	916	261	7,034	7,290
March	4,490	1,432	906	258	7,086	7,296
June	4,534	1,456	998	252	7,240	7,323
1994 - 95 - September	4,586	1,445	1,144	256	7,431	7,317
December	4,659	1,421	1,215	282	7,577	7,297
March	4,737	1,408	1,142	306	7,593	7,331
June	4,804	1,418	1,015	310	7,547	7,433
1995 - 96 - September	4,860	1,414	919	299	7,492	7,559
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1993 - 94 - September	0.8	0.4	-0.8	-8.5	0.1	0.6
December	0.7	2.2	-0.5	-6.8	0.5	-0.1
March	0.7	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	0.7	0.1
June	1.0	1.7	10.2	-2.3	2.2	0.4
1994 - 95 - September	1.1	-0.8	14.6	1.6	2.6	-0.1
December	1.6	-1.7	6.2	10.2	2.0	-0.3
March	1.7	-0.9	-6.0	8.5	0.2	0.5
June	1.4	0.7	-11.1	1.3	-0.6	1.4
1995 - 96 - September	1.2	-0.3	-9.5	-3.5	-0.7	1.7

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP

Final Production in South Australia (\$'000)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereals and cereal preparations	Wine	Wool and sheepskins	Machinery	Metals and metal manufactures	Fish and crustaceans	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Petroleum and petroleum products	Total
ANNUAL										
1988-89	181,058	475,481	71,474	415,098	104,163	239,656	95,720	124,815	189,679	2,451,372
1989-90	244,374	724,369	73,484	285,650	111,944	371,136	111,760	161,704	188,105	2,828,091
1990-91	234,299	587,199	123,567	257,576	152,940	433,341	122,604	117,218	291,507	3,007,137
1991-92	270,237	565,582	165,914	351,096	176,536	489,030	147,532	137,091	341,477	3,431,139
1992-93	282,181	573,375	192,255	318,989	211,426	490,594	154,608	338,359	372,445	3,760,602
1993-94	324,796	436,517	238,366	290,963	223,760	462,353	186,861	351,229	276,473	3,889,781
1994-95	307,785	261,052	250,527	301,645	284,845	571,007	191,351	332,301	285,310	3,826,781
MONTHLY										
1994 - 95 -										
September	24,651	35,756	29,230	22,493	19,707	45,405	7,706	27,442	39,196	339,143
October	28,580	27,555	29,550	26,817	23,286	32,446	23,210	26,883	23,289	369,985
November	31,665	21,898	15,734	38,562	24,838	39,758	20,372	35,507	28,000	341,288
December	26,513	12,077	14,206	30,424	25,825	45,363	14,894	29,565	13,200	282,836
January	23,317	21,427	12,219	24,480	11,978	66,785	14,201	17,398	29,049	295,891
February	28,109	8,880	17,151	24,988	18,626	32,546	13,945	23,963	11,731	241,217
March	28,257	23,436	23,383	25,726	31,797	70,383	17,167	25,389	33,727	390,920
April	31,720	11,594	25,366	26,052	27,602	63,128	18,015	25,059	21,635	322,516
May	28,706	17,053	21,053	23,984	29,187	67,729	24,111	32,752	11,789	342,342
June	22,987	36,945	22,353	20,141	32,032	35,721	13,305	30,463	38,853	327,433
1995 - 96 -										
July	14,905	31,637	25,475	21,640	29,755	30,070	20,641	23,867	14,477	302,259
August	13,098	13,343	25,116	9,169	32,587	56,823	14,318	24,548	24,036	327,829
September	19,456	15,544	36,583	17,633	22,260	53,275	11,704	20,999	27,728	297,378
October	23,522	24,906	27,980	26,432	24,346	51,945	19,094	21,398	12,706	300,937
November	23,383	30,261	16,927	20,008	22,734	44,516	18,664	24,682	18,816	309,383

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES

Final Production in South Australia (\$'000)

Period	United States	Middle East	European Community Total	United Kingdom	European Community	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
ANNUAL											
1988-89	184,903	397,324	108,635	355,669	230,263	390,207	51,975	55,474	240,507	869,226	
1989-90	229,169	551,953	121,319	412,855	289,970	359,643	86,303	49,273	277,859	929,209	
1990-91	321,032	325,450	186,353	480,714	179,193	438,970	146,434	80,640	403,754	1,284,576	
1991-92	300,139	381,761	220,048	550,258	214,522	647,674	148,308	108,583	437,670	1,627,108	
1992-93	352,764	314,049	237,520	594,701	288,421	649,684	208,135	171,803	487,174	1,820,065	
1993-94	393,611	280,499	263,092	571,047	311,999	525,481	220,211	165,163	533,976	1,898,974	
1994-95	329,208	183,984	245,988	552,576	376,279	682,777	177,869	192,865	550,998	2,003,203	
MONTHLY											
1994 - 95 -											
September	25,319	25,907	29,253	56,126	29,220	41,864	17,432	11,876	60,961	163,472	
October	29,113	15,689	47,808	75,430	34,531	78,846	17,467	16,293	34,247	179,512	
November	33,212	9,184	11,258	32,846	35,786	65,565	14,078	17,070	64,652	195,315	
December	23,218	13,049	12,257	41,216	29,641	47,557	11,591	18,008	31,820	145,580	
January	20,881	13,822	11,649	37,386	31,359	42,080	13,616	17,028	61,505	167,215	
February	22,335	13,923	12,754	29,425	20,292	46,787	13,609	13,980	21,021	130,203	
March	35,778	19,072	29,706	67,325	33,971	66,502	18,388	22,749	59,360	197,034	
April	25,435	9,691	25,298	45,103	29,186	45,373	13,286	15,302	58,054	178,369	
May	26,307	3,629	16,146	54,213	34,696	76,513	13,535	13,475	39,381	194,307	
June	25,373	25,230	17,063	40,540	28,106	66,479	13,411	18,897	52,195	179,689	
1995 - 96 -											
July	31,426	28,887	20,329	40,123	32,685	50,935	18,583	17,047	35,757	143,096	
August	22,608	4,952	30,566	62,811	33,599	63,575	9,536	13,463	59,412	166,731	
September	22,890	8,516	25,129	62,215	38,419	53,763	10,067	8,889	30,950	133,133	
October	19,417	14,683	22,799	56,276	29,928	51,647	22,368	12,529	52,565	157,693	
November	14,587	39,013	11,370	29,117	35,123	62,937	14,086	16,101	59,129	168,613	

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN

Final Production in South Australia

(\$'000)

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Manufacturing				Other industries/ confidential	Total
				Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing		
ANNUAL									
1988-89	891,978	107,269	515,739	176,037	260,978	270,215	96,203	132,953	2,451,372
1989-90	979,463	133,318	583,544	133,078	406,144	320,349	99,984	172,210	2,828,091
1990-91	804,154	120,930	599,030	264,813	474,541	336,500	155,351	251,818	3,007,137
1991-92	882,011	248,846	702,148	201,681	541,522	381,737	178,485	294,709	3,431,139
1992-93	883,725	294,586	766,518	195,387	509,303	641,930	178,726	290,427	3,760,602
1993-94	732,333	245,247	885,418	180,147	475,059	665,066	208,573	497,938	3,889,781
1994-95	605,635	268,537	867,865	191,003	585,457	708,003	243,936	356,344	3,826,781
MONTHLY									
1994 - 95 -									
September	58,185	31,213	74,115	17,568	46,256	53,639	17,245	40,922	339,143
October	56,671	23,054	89,131	18,064	33,327	59,284	24,600	65,853	369,985
November	67,178	32,605	75,017	13,817	39,788	70,264	21,677	20,941	341,288
December	46,049	9,123	60,625	14,901	46,285	62,210	18,477	25,169	282,836
January	51,218	36,405	54,270	13,045	68,087	35,775	15,676	21,417	295,891
February	42,169	7,526	64,690	12,493	33,937	49,457	17,530	13,414	241,217
March	54,709	42,788	73,103	13,883	72,673	63,809	19,138	50,818	390,920
April	40,118	5,790	96,656	23,895	64,456	59,106	19,623	12,872	322,516
May	36,369	19,086	85,271	15,326	68,855	70,741	21,409	25,283	342,342
June	56,781	29,420	75,735	18,667	36,471	70,662	23,275	16,424	327,433
1995 - 96 -									
July	65,513	7,842	76,480	18,020	30,959	60,201	18,202	25,044	302,259
August	35,995	32,386	64,761	10,339	57,361	63,306	19,779	43,903	327,829
September	35,092	21,759	84,897	16,456	54,471	49,225	18,544	16,935	297,378
October	51,758	9,147	84,490	12,408	53,074	52,994	17,164	19,903	300,937
November	55,835	27,602	62,619	9,515	45,283	51,974	20,512	36,042	309,383

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP

State of Final Destination South Australia

(\$'000)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum and petroleum products	Chemicals	Textiles	Metals and metal manu- factures	Machinery	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Other manu- factured goods	Total
ANNUAL									
1988-89	60,395	169,397	144,766	47,592	135,225	411,092	415,120	344,344	1,861,622
1989-90	71,796	203,654	167,154	49,249	147,969	462,885	414,800	399,437	2,050,024
1990-91	78,926	425,262	140,894	49,087	135,772	515,226	372,603	366,304	2,193,851
1991-92	82,095	362,777	153,574	62,884	151,165	523,848	435,121	513,012	2,396,954
1992-93	91,756	570,334	186,001	57,434	255,924	609,212	661,714	521,723	3,068,122
1993-94	99,177	404,626	200,225	60,172	160,937	595,238	663,617	484,590	2,803,446
1994-95	115,930	330,430	220,536	64,524	214,430	695,185	749,663	563,368	3,099,641
MONTHLY									
1994 - 95 -									
September	8,482	20,570	19,869	4,380	15,442	54,068	60,834	37,758	231,418
October	14,848	19,447	11,040	5,653	13,849	56,688	90,244	48,815	269,859
November	12,383	107	15,461	6,952	20,622	56,130	63,462	51,455	240,036
December	9,690	23,355	10,711	3,751	12,863	57,066	51,639	41,335	220,745
January	10,692	39,273	19,760	4,208	12,259	63,883	49,403	48,817	260,849
February	7,889	50,628	17,349	3,931	17,541	53,842	47,177	41,089	251,362
March	8,852	20,952	27,665	6,766	24,054	76,648	63,870	54,293	296,240
April	7,487	25,235	14,810	5,534	18,432	51,589	67,894	48,424	252,672
May	11,288	25,162	33,903	5,641	22,360	52,820	58,222	44,756	267,552
June	8,327	24,353	24,351	5,639	28,339	63,840	57,414	50,150	275,585
1995 - 96 -									
July	9,188	51,035	22,738	7,385	16,289	58,132	53,294	47,464	286,607
August	9,606	23,010	28,671	7,480	24,255	67,838	57,785	67,302	299,383
September	10,407	21,085	12,313	7,163	18,140	45,310	39,882	42,133	203,937
October	10,868	21,481	14,044	6,533	18,179	50,102	62,364	61,450	257,503
November	11,361	22,223	17,596	8,718	18,052	61,432	37,220	56,743	242,583

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
ANNUAL (\$ million)								
1985-86	2,086.1	833.3	404.8	607.6	226.0	312.4	938.0	5,408.2
1986-87	2,240.3	893.8	396.8	578.3	229.7	332.3	989.5	5,660.7
1987-88	2,378.5	951.2	416.7	634.5	237.5	367.0	1,082.7	6,068.1
1988-89	2,534.9	971.8	462.2	695.8	268.5	420.7	1,178.7	6,532.6
1989-90	2,679.8	1,041.1	521.1	739.5	291.6	467.1	1,212.9	6,953.1
1990-91	2,978.2	1,069.0	543.9	738.1	303.9	497.7	1,312.6	7,443.4
1991-92	3,163.1	1,087.4	466.5	758.8	278.7	515.7	1,370.6	7,640.8
1992-93	3,018.5	1,101.5	434.2	783.3	311.2	617.4	1,244.7	7,510.8
1993-94	3,152.3	1,107.8	466.1	849.2	354.9	639.6	1,277.8	7,847.7
1994-95	3,360.7	1,128.7	524.0	881.1	359.0	737.8	1,562.3	8,553.6
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1994 - 95 -								
September	266.5	87.4	41.3	67.6	26.0	60.3	121.3	670.4
October	275.6	93.3	43.6	73.2	28.2	59.1	127.4	700.4
November	276.9	103.5	43.6	78.0	30.5	63.0	128.0	723.5
December	332.5	175.2	64.0	88.7	45.7	81.4	154.5	942.0
January	275.2	74.0	40.1	72.0	28.9	55.5	137.1	682.8
February	263.4	68.6	34.7	63.5	27.3	54.6	127.7	639.8
March	292.2	85.7	43.1	71.7	29.9	62.0	137.7	722.3
April	282.8	91.0	47.6	70.2	29.5	60.9	140.8	722.8
May	286.6	94.8	46.4	78.4	30.6	64.7	133.9	735.4
June	282.3	86.8	43.4	80.1	28.3	64.4	132.0	717.3
1995 - 96 -								
July	282.2	92.0	41.9	80.2	29.4	65.0	138.9	729.6
August	297.8	86.9	42.7	78.6	30.2	69.9	138.7	744.8
September	301.0	84.0	40.8	72.4	31.0	72.9	145.4	747.5
October	305.4	92.0	45.4	81.4	32.3	70.1	147.4	774.0
November	322.2	105.0	48.0	80.7	36.1	72.0	150.7	814.7
MONTHLY, TREND (\$ million)								
1994 - 95 -								
October	275.0	93.6	43.0	70.9	29.3	59.3	123.0	694.1
November	277.0	93.1	44.3	70.9	29.7	59.4	124.9	699.3
December	278.9	92.9	45.2	71.2	30.0	59.9	127.0	705.1
January	281.0	93.0	45.6	72.0	30.2	60.7	129.8	712.4
February	283.2	93.5	45.6	73.3	30.3	62.1	133.5	721.4
March	285.1	94.3	45.2	75.3	30.4	63.6	137.6	731.4
April	287.1	95.2	44.6	77.5	30.5	65.2	141.6	741.7
May	289.4	95.7	43.9	79.4	30.8	66.8	144.9	751.0
June	292.4	95.8	43.4	80.4	31.2	68.3	147.1	758.6
1995 - 96 -								
July	296.4	95.4	43.3	80.4	31.6	69.4	148.0	764.5
August	301.0	94.8	43.6	79.7	32.2	70.2	147.7	769.1
September	305.7	94.2	44.1	78.7	32.9	70.5	146.7	772.8
October	310.1	93.5	44.7	77.7	33.7	70.6	145.4	775.6
November	313.7	93.0	45.5	76.7	34.5	70.2	143.8	777.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1994 - 95 -								
November	0.7	-0.5	3.0	0.0	1.4	0.2	1.5	0.7
December	0.7	-0.2	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.7	0.8
January	0.8	0.1	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.3	2.2	1.0
February	0.8	0.5	0.0	1.8	0.3	2.3	2.9	1.3
March	0.7	0.9	-0.9	2.7	0.3	2.4	3.1	1.4
April	0.7	1.0	-1.3	2.9	0.3	2.5	2.9	1.4
May	0.8	0.5	-1.6	2.5	1.0	2.5	2.3	1.3
June	1.0	0.1	-1.1	1.3	1.3	2.2	1.5	1.0
1995 - 96 -								
July	1.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.8
August	1.6	-0.6	0.7	-0.9	1.9	1.2	-0.2	0.6
September	1.6	-0.6	1.1	-1.3	2.2	0.4	-0.7	0.5
October	1.4	-0.7	1.4	-1.3	2.4	0.1	-0.9	0.4
November	1.2	-0.5	1.8	-1.3	2.4	-0.6	-1.1	0.2

ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
South Australia

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1990-91	122	742	988	1,852	628	1,224
1991-92	193	763	668	1,625	392	1,233
1992-93	218	564	739	1,522	416	1,105
1993-94	97	610	784	1,491	364	1,127
1994-95	129	781	1,161	2,072	382	1,689
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.1	6.0	-2.0	-12.6	2.0
1994-95	32.7	28.1	48.1	39.0	5.0	49.9
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1992 - 93 - June	49	147	143	340	57	283
1993 - 94 - September	37	135	187	359	94	265
December	28	136	187	351	75	277
March	10	135	230	375	125	251
June	22	204	180	406	71	335
1994 - 95 - September	19	130	326	475	152	323
December	44	221	370	636	79	557
March	28	204	225	457	75	381
June	38	226	240	504	77	427
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1993 - 94 - September	-25.1	-8.5	30.6	5.6	64.9	-6.4
December	-24.6	1.2	0.1	-2.1	-20.5	4.5
March	-64.2	-1.0	23.0	6.8	66.7	-9.4
June	123.0	51.1	-21.9	8.2	-43.4	33.8
1994 - 95 - September	-17.0	-36.0	81.6	17.1	115.3	-3.7
December	140.0	69.8	13.3	33.7	-48.2	72.4
March	-36.9	-7.9	-39.2	-28.2	-4.7	-31.6
June	35.7	10.8	6.7	10.4	2.7	12.1
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1992 - 93 - June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	368	90	278
1993 - 94 - September				352	81	271
December				351	83	268
March				368	97	271
June				426	112	314
1994 - 95 - September				505	112	393
December				536	95	441
March				522	81	441
June				487	76	411
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1993 - 94 - September	..	..	..	-4.5	-10.9	-2.4
December				-0.2	2.9	-1.1
March				4.8	17.5	0.9
June				15.8	14.7	16.0
1994 - 95 - September				18.5	0.5	25.2
December				6.1	-15.3	12.2
March				-2.6	-14.7	0.0
June				-6.7	-6.2	-6.8

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
South Australia

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Cars and station wagons	Other vehicles	Total	Cars and station wagons	Other vehicles	Total	Cars and station wagons	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1983-84	41,204	9,769	50,973	..	..	..	..	..	..
1984-85	45,809	11,795	57,604						
1985-86	40,840	9,620	50,460						
1986-87	29,788	6,430	36,218						
1987-88	29,915	5,775	35,690						
1988-89	31,920	6,816	38,736						
1989-90	35,211	7,808	43,019						
1990-91	34,753	6,619	41,372						
1991-92	32,351	5,333	37,684						
1992-93	32,894	5,577	38,471						
1993-94	32,806	5,781	38,587						
1994-95	35,830	6,736	42,566						
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1984-85	11.2	20.7	13.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
1985-86	-10.8	-18.4	-12.4						
1986-87	-27.1	33.2	-28.2						
1987-88	0.4	-10.2	-1.5						
1988-89	6.7	18.0	8.5						
1989-90	10.3	14.6	11.1						
1990-91	-1.3	-15.2	-3.8						
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9						
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1						
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3						
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3						
MONTHLY									
1994 - 95 -									
July	2,870	523	3,393	2,963	532	3,495	2,800	553	3,353
August	2,869	513	3,382	2,645	527	3,172	2,822	540	3,361
September	3,140	479	3,619	2,907	486	3,393	2,849	527	3,376
October	2,883	488	3,371	2,838	528	3,367	2,884	523	3,407
November	3,144	589	3,733	2,892	523	3,415	2,926	527	3,453
December	2,941	549	3,490	2,963	547	3,510	2,971	539	3,510
January	2,436	440	2,876	3,128	583	3,711	3,020	557	3,577
February	2,863	502	3,365	3,066	543	3,609	3,050	573	3,622
March	3,333	692	4,025	3,013	589	3,602	3,055	583	3,638
April	2,335	451	2,786	2,876	554	3,430	3,040	588	3,628
May	3,647	695	4,342	3,512	633	4,145	3,008	586	3,594
June	3,369	815	4,184	3,059	643	3,702	2,975	574	3,549
1995 - 96 -									
July	2,546	446	2,992	2,635	453	3,088	2,950	557	3,506
August	3,444	519	3,963	3,075	549	3,624	2,932	536	3,469
September	2,905	547	3,452	2,856	563	3,419	2,923	518	3,441
October	3,217	430	3,647	2,992	456	3,448	2,922	503	3,425
November	3,187	564	3,751	2,933	508	3,441	2,912	488	3,400
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1994 - 95 -									
August	0.0	-1.9	-0.3	-10.7	-0.9	-9.2	0.8	-2.4	0.2
September	9.4	-6.6	7.0	9.9	-7.8	7.0	1.0	2.4	0.4
October	-8.2	1.9	-6.9	-2.4	8.6	-0.8	1.2	-0.8	0.9
November	9.1	20.7	10.7	1.9	-0.9	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.4
December	-6.5	-6.8	-6.5	2.5	4.6	2.8	1.5	2.3	1.7
January	-17.2	-19.9	-17.6	5.6	6.6	5.7	1.6	3.3	1.9
February	17.5	14.1	17.0	-2.0	-6.9	-2.7	1.0	2.9	1.3
March	16.4	37.8	19.6	-1.7	8.5	-0.2	0.2	1.7	0.4
April	-29.9	-34.8	-30.8	-4.5	-5.9	-4.8	-0.5	0.9	-0.3
May	56.2	54.1	55.9	22.1	14.3	20.8	-1.1	-0.3	-0.9
June	-7.6	17.3	-3.6	-12.9	1.6	-10.7	-1.1	-2.0	-1.3
1995 - 96 -									
July	-24.4	-45.3	-28.5	-13.9	-29.5	-16.6	-0.8	-3.0	-1.2
August	35.3	16.4	32.5	16.7	21.2	17.4	-0.6	-3.8	-1.1
September	-15.7	5.4	-12.9	-7.1	2.6	-5.7	-0.3	-3.4	-0.8
October	10.7	-21.4	5.6	4.8	-19.0	0.8	0.0	-2.9	-0.5
November	-0.9	31.2	2.9	-2.0	11.4	-0.2	-0.3	-3.0	-0.7

BUILDING APPROVALS **South Australia**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses		Total(a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
ANNUAL								
1986-87	5,811	6,706	7,111	9,192	487	82	584	1,152
1987-88	6,276	6,900	7,383	9,009	497	94	749	1,340
1988-89	7,526	8,006	9,642	11,238	690	109	895	1,694
1989-90	7,246	7,675	10,180	11,701	733	110	914	1,757
1990-91	8,351	8,633	10,418	11,426	755	119	591	1,465
1991-92	8,613	8,931	10,254	11,290	756	124	627	1,506
1992-93	9,710	10,087	11,548	12,341	841	133	418	1,392
1993-94	9,470	9,901	11,046	11,777	839	122	375	1,336
1994-95	7,757	8,147	9,208	9,762	740	120	493	1,353
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR								
1988-89	19.9	16.0	30.6	24.7	38.8	16.0	19.5	26.4
1989-90	-3.7	-4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1	1.2	2.1	3.7
1990-91	15.2	12.5	2.3	-2.4	3.1	8.6	-35.4	-16.6
1991-92	3.1	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	0.1	3.9	6.1	2.8
1992-93	12.7	12.9	12.6	9.3	11.3	7.1	-33.2	-7.6
1993-94	-2.5	-1.8	-4.3	-4.6	-0.2	-8.0	-10.4	-4.0
1994-95	-18.1	-17.7	-16.6	-17.1	-11.8	-1.7	31.5	1.3
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1994 - 95 -								
November	796	833	988	1,055	77.6	10.5	30.2	118.3
December	578	606	662	698	54.9	9.4	36.2	100.6
January	515	532	753	774	61.9	8.0	23.4	93.4
February	553	598	632	679	56.3	7.5	26.8	90.6
March	681	747	840	913	70.2	12.6	78.1	160.9
April	403	425	459	481	36.4	6.6	89.3	132.2
May	493	523	549	589	46.3	9.3	35.4	91.0
June	513	554	603	646	50.1	9.2	47.9	107.2
1995 - 96 -								
July	445	463	550	576	45.2	9.0	36.3	90.6
August	564	608	623	671	52.3	11.2	31.5	94.9
September	437	467	547	592	45.0	12.1	31.1	88.2
October	415	422	512	519	39.2	10.4	69.2	118.8
November	388	390	525	527	40.8	10.3	33.1	84.2
MONTHLY, TREND								
1994 - 95 -								
November	725	770	874	930	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	692	736	842	891				
January	652	691	796	836				
February	607	641	737	770				
March	560	590	672	700				
April	516	543	609	637				
May	480	505	561	591				
June	457	485	535	571				
1995 - 96 -								
July	444	475	530	569				
August	439	470	533	573				
September	437	459	533	570				
October	418	445	532	564				
November	404	425	524	548				
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1994 - 95 -								
December	-4.6	-4.4	-3.7	-4.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
January	-5.8	-6.1	-5.5	-6.2				
February	-6.9	-7.2	-7.4	-7.9				
March	-7.7	-8.0	-8.8	-9.1				
April	-7.9	-8.0	-9.4	-9.0				
May	-7.0	-7.0	-7.9	-7.2				
June	-4.8	-4.0	-4.6	-3.4				
1995 - 96 -								
July	-2.8	-2.1	-0.9	-0.4				
August	-1.1	-1.1	0.6	0.7				
September	-0.5	-2.3	0.0	-0.5				
October	-4.3	-3.1	-0.2	-1.1				
November	-3.3	-4.5	-1.5	-2.8				

(a) Total includes the number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
South Australia

Period	Hotels, motels, guesthouses with facilities			Holiday flats, units and houses			Short-term caravan parks		
	Number of guest rooms	Room occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of sites	Site occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)
ANNUAL									
1986-87	8,497	52.9	79,254	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18,773	18.1	12,647
1987-88	9,156	50.8	89,321	1,105	45.4	8,109	18,926	17.8	13,248
1988-89	9,396	50.5	102,737	1,171	45.8	9,792	19,195	17.4	14,711
1989-90	10,316	52.0	121,788	1,113	48.4	11,381	19,847	18.4	17,174
1990-91	10,445	48.0	128,634	1,210	43.9	10,339	19,794	17.7	18,102
1991-92	10,745	46.6	130,578	1,302	40.4	10,492	20,601	17.1	19,111
1992-93	10,632	46.5	129,882	1,338	40.2	10,740	20,038	22.3	20,113
1993-94	10,597	48.6	138,782	1,338	40.9	11,700	19,591	23.7	20,790
1994-95	10,594	51.3	149,698	1,342	40.0	11,845	20,175	24.5	22,536
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	7.8	..	12.7	n.a.	..	n.a.	0.8	..	4.8
1988-89	2.6	..	15.0	6.0	..	20.8	1.4	..	11.0
1989-90	9.8	..	18.5	-5.0	..	16.2	3.4	..	16.7
1990-91	1.3	..	5.6	8.7	..	-9.2	-0.3	..	5.4
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
QUARTERLY									
1992 - 93 -									
March	10,739	47.0	32,210	1,313	49.9	3,263	20,159	26.6	6,084
June	10,632	46.2	31,175	1,338	36.8	2,359	20,038	22.8	4,961
1993 - 94 -									
September	10,604	46.8	33,133	1,362	35.2	2,551	19,992	19.1	3,916
December	10,650	50.3	38,096	1,377	41.6	3,290	19,925	23.4	5,370
March	10,625	50.0	35,007	1,321	50.9	3,546	19,606	28.4	6,611
June	10,597	47.4	32,547	1,338	36.1	2,313	19,591	24.3	4,893
1994 - 95 -									
September	10,560	48.7	34,734	1,326	34.0	2,418	19,988	20.9	4,211
December	10,608	53.0	41,265	1,360	40.0	3,000	20,126	24.5	5,681
March	10,603	53.4	37,897	1,337	50.1	3,776	20,132	28.4	7,047
June	10,605	50.0	35,802	1,346	35.9	2,451	20,452	24.3	5,597
1995 - 96 -									
September	10,703	50.3	37,077	1,289	32.4	2,273	20,350	22.3	4,809
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1992 - 93 -									
June	-1.0	..	-3.2	1.9	..	-27.7	-0.6	..	-18.5
1993 - 94 -									
September	-0.3	..	6.3	1.8	..	8.1	-0.2	..	-21.1
December	0.4	..	15.0	1.1	..	29.0	-0.3	..	37.1
March	-0.2	..	-8.1	-4.1	..	7.8	-1.6	..	23.1
June	-0.3	..	-7.0	1.3	..	-34.8	-0.1	..	-26.0
1994 - 95 -									
September	-0.3	..	6.7	-0.9	..	4.5	2.0	..	-13.9
December	0.5	..	18.8	2.6	..	24.1	0.7	..	34.9
March	0.0	..	-8.2	-1.7	..	25.9	0.0	..	24.0
June	0.0	..	-5.5	0.7	..	-35.1	1.6	..	-20.6
1995 - 96 -									
September	0.9	..	3.6	-4.2	..	-7.3	-0.5	..	-14.1

PRODUCTION, SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

Period	Footwear (pairs)	Gas (m megajoules)	Electricity (including NT) ('000 kWh)	Coal (tonnes)	Sawn timber(a) (m ³)
ANNUAL					
1985-86	2,209,898	86,893	9,606,839	2,181,713	221,803
1986-87	2,147,468	82,550	9,666,694	2,435,010	194,458
1987-88	1,982,301	83,101	10,137,144	2,566,347	254,453
1988-89	2,062,085	86,546	10,588,647	2,674,215	292,335
1989-90	1,749,112	85,070	10,665,118	2,921,861	228,156
1990-91	1,837,602	73,265	8,878,357	2,441,040	240,193
1991-92	1,852,890	78,210	10,025,649	2,819,880	271,603
1992-93	1,406,178	83,000	10,226,734	2,753,610	317,096
1993-94	1,382,949	89,382	10,560,251	2,643,000	364,961
1994-95	1,430,417	86,123	10,051,056	2,554,560	392,349
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
1986-87	-2.8	-5.0	0.6	11.6	-12.3
1987-88	-7.7	0.7	4.9	5.4	30.9
1988-89	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	14.9
1989-90	-15.2	-1.7	0.7	9.3	-22.0
1990-91	5.1	-13.9	-16.8	-16.5	5.3
1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY (b), ORIGINAL					
1993 - 94 -					
June	139,555	7,422	851,000	259,080	98,255
1994 - 95 -					
July	127,210	7,858	885,099	254,640	..
August	129,977	8,529	935,339	229,980	..
September	146,686	7,352	885,856	248,820	97,308
October	130,132	8,074	838,934	105,240	..
November	135,984	7,393	823,049	168,420	..
December	109,496	6,567	845,271	219,240	95,869
January	53,146	6,783	837,610	198,960	..
February	111,711	6,474	833,604	230,340	..
March	148,345	7,088	829,113	210,780	94,383
April	88,951	5,409	733,508	238,680	..
May	119,883	7,095	783,073	205,740	..
June	128,896	7,501	820,600	243,720	104,789
1995 - 96 -					
July	116,044	8,342	878,070	227,340	..
August	123,733	7,867	791,871	214,680	..
September	134,797	6,201	685,549	214,200	121,851
October	95,340	6,922	671,726	119,400	..
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER (b)					
1994 - 95 -					
July	-8.8	5.9	4.0	-1.7	..
August	2.2	8.5	5.7	-9.7	..
September	12.9	-13.8	-5.3	8.2	-1.0
October	-11.3	9.8	-5.3	-57.7	..
November	4.5	-8.4	-1.9	60.0	..
December	-19.5	-11.2	2.7	30.2	-1.5
January	-51.5	3.3	-0.9	-9.3	..
February	110.2	-4.6	-0.5	15.8	..
March	32.8	9.5	-0.5	-8.5	-1.6
April	-40.0	-23.7	-11.5	13.2	..
May	34.8	31.2	6.8	-13.8	..
June	7.5	5.7	4.8	18.5	11.0
1995 - 96 -					
July	-10.0	11.2	7.0	-6.7	..
August	6.6	-8.1	-9.8	-5.6	..
September	8.9	-19.1	-13.4	-0.2	16.3
October	-29.3	11.6	-2.0	-44.3	..

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS**South Australia**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses		Total		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building		Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	
ANNUAL									
1983-84	7,666	8,642	9,854	12,200	506.4	49.5	190.3	341.7	897.6
1984-85	8,502	9,641	11,728	14,205	660.3	66.0	345.6	509.7	1,236.0
1985-86	6,334	7,267	8,805	10,705	558.5	80.9	430.7	602.4	1,241.7
1986-87	5,345	6,458	6,524	8,913	475.7	75.3	430.1	674.4	1,225.4
1987-88	5,664	6,388	6,709	8,443	472.9	92.2	527.2	718.8	1,283.8
1988-89	7,132	7,580	8,822	10,235	646.2	103.7	760.3	964.1	1,709.9
1989-90	6,734	7,174	9,412	10,936	718.2	111.6	669.6	934.2	1,763.9
1990-91	7,863	8,177	9,673	10,821	727.5	118.2	367.1	554.0	1,399.6
1991-92	8,036	8,344	9,608	10,671	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1,460.1
1992-93	9,122	9,416	10,881	11,635	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1,397.2
1993-94	9,159	9,590	10,693	11,481	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1,344.8
1994-95	7,745	8,210	9,084	9,735	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1,409.3
QUARTERLY									
1993 - 94 -									
December	2,336	2,395	2,672	2,798	205.4	35.6	60.9	106.6	347.7
March	1,977	2,023	2,406	2,549	188.1	29.8	51.1	97.6	315.4
June	2,235	2,396	2,628	2,880	213.4	30.2	55.2	93.5	337.1
1994 - 95 -									
September	2,413	2,526	2,855	3,083	235.6	34.3	57.0	101.8	371.7
December	2,303	2,435	2,670	2,834	221.1	31.8	52.8	99.5	352.4
March	1,631	1,735	1,934	2,064	167.9	26.4	55.6	92.1	286.4
June	1,396	1,512	1,623	1,752	140.9	32.8	86.3	225.1	398.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1,393	1,487	1,627	1,735	140.4	28.3	59.7	98.4	267.1

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD**South Australia**

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
ANNUAL (\$ million)									
1983-84	312.0	348.0	385.2	464.5	48.3	194.8	327.0	627.0	839.8
1984-85	414.4	456.3	542.3	626.7	65.6	285.1	433.4	891.6	1,125.7
1985-86	369.2	411.5	497.9	585.1	78.7	413.6	589.7	988.5	1,253.4
1986-87	310.0	364.8	385.4	492.2	78.4	447.9	645.2	908.1	1,215.8
1987-88	343.8	381.1	391.4	467.7	88.2	551.8	811.2	1,027.0	1,367.1
1988-89	450.2	469.2	538.8	597.0	104.1	657.5	902.2	1,297.3	1,603.3
1989-90	493.8	518.9	657.4	724.9	116.3	743.2	988.6	1,514.0	1,829.8
1990-91	578.3	600.2	713.6	782.3	122.0	621.9	876.6	1,455.4	1,780.8
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1,127.5	1,357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1,166.3	1,478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1,177.2	1,470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1,164.3	1,422.7
QUARTERLY (\$ million)									
1993 - 94 -									
December	178.8	187.6	208.4	222.9	36.5	54.6	119.6	299.4	378.9
March	167.4	172.2	192.3	202.3	32.4	50.2	96.8	274.3	331.5
June	175.7	182.9	204.2	215.3	30.8	53.1	111.0	287.5	357.2
1994 - 95 -									
September	185.6	193.5	215.3	230.8	37.4	63.7	113.5	316.1	381.8
December	185.3	195.7	216.0	231.4	35.6	63.0	117.8	313.1	384.7
March	153.3	159.5	179.5	187.9	25.1	57.2	104.4	261.4	317.4
June	135.3	144.8	155.3	166.3	31.2	87.8	141.3	273.7	338.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.4	123.7	138.6	146.1	30.9	67.7	116.5	236.0	293.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: BY GROUP

Adelaide

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1983-84	67.4	64.1	61.8	69.0	64.3	61.6	71.5	66.1	65.8
1984-85	71.2	68.4	68.3	73.2	68.3	67.2	57.8	68.9	68.9
1985-86	77.0	74.0	73.4	78.9	74.8	72.7	63.2	74.9	74.7
1986-87	83.2	81.8	76.9	84.3	83.0	79.4	75.6	82.1	81.5
1987-88	87.6	88.2	79.5	89.9	88.6	85.7	84.0	89.6	87.0
1988-89	95.2	95.3	87.0	95.1	94.2	92.5	90.8	94.6	93.3
1989-90	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990-91	103.8	103.6	104.1	105.4	107.0	112.0	113.4	104.8	106.2
1991-92	106.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.9	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1984-85	5.6	6.7	10.5	6.1	6.2	9.1	-19.2	4.2	4.7
1985-86	8.1	8.2	7.5	7.8	9.5	8.2	9.3	8.7	8.4
1986-87	8.1	10.5	4.8	6.8	11.0	9.2	19.6	9.6	9.1
1987-88	5.3	7.8	3.4	6.6	6.7	7.9	11.1	9.1	6.7
1988-89	8.7	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.3	7.9	8.1	5.6	7.2
1989-90	5.0	4.9	14.9	5.2	6.2	8.1	10.1	5.7	7.2
1990-91	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.0	12.0	13.4	4.8	6.2
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.3	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
QUARTERLY (1989-90=100.0)									
1993 - 94 -									
December	111.3	107.1	91.6	108.2	117.6	140.0	138.4	113.0	112.8
March	112.0	106.0	91.6	107.9	117.6	142.6	145.5	114.1	113.6
June	113.0	105.8	91.9	108.2	118.5	144.5	148.2	114.8	114.4
1994 - 95 -									
September	114.5	105.2	92.4	108.3	119.6	144.2	148.3	115.1	114.9
December	114.3	105.1	95.6	108.7	119.8	147.8	148.7	116.2	116.0
March	115.7	104.2	100.8	109.5	119.9	150.2	153.0	117.2	117.8
June	115.7	105.1	102.2	110.2	121.4	153.2	155.3	116.5	118.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.8	104.8	102.7	111.5	124.4	154.8	155.4	116.5	120.1
December	118.2	105.2	103.8	112.0	124.3	159.7	158.7	117.3	121.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1993 - 94 -									
September	2.9	1.4	-2.2	-0.6	3.2	9.7	5.5	3.6	2.4
December	3.0	-0.1	-2.6	0.1	2.2	7.4	4.7	2.8	1.9
March	0.6	-1.1	-2.6	1.1	2.3	8.6	6.4	2.1	1.8
June	2.4	-1.7	-2.0	0.8	2.1	5.9	6.7	2.2	1.9
1994 - 95 -									
September	3.7	-2.1	-1.0	0.7	2.0	3.9	6.9	2.0	2.0
December	2.7	-1.9	4.4	0.5	1.9	5.6	7.4	2.8	2.8
March	3.3	-1.7	10.0	1.5	2.0	5.3	5.2	2.7	3.7
June	2.4	-0.7	11.2	1.8	2.4	6.0	4.8	1.5	3.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	2.9	-0.4	11.1	3.0	4.0	7.4	4.8	1.2	4.5
December	3.4	0.1	8.6	3.0	3.8	8.1	6.7	0.9	4.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1993 - 94 -									
March	0.6	-1.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	1.9	5.1	1.0	0.7
June	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.3	1.9	0.6	0.7
1994 - 95 -									
September	1.3	-0.6	0.5	0.1	0.9	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
December	-0.2	-0.1	3.5	0.4	0.2	2.5	0.3	1.0	1.0
March	1.2	-0.9	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.6
June	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
December	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.8

PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Chicken</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Cheese</i>	<i>Wheat flour, other than self-raising</i>
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1983-84	33,549	34,740	81,172	23,758	31,114	25,226	78,690
1984-85	35,882	36,508	79,111	35,800	30,136	23,273	74,643
1985-86	34,235	37,432	77,898	41,507	31,485	25,086	73,926
1986-87	33,776	40,761	90,283	43,934	32,416	27,438	80,310
1987-88	34,907	36,671	91,701	45,562	34,335	25,497	91,325
1988-89	32,946	40,364	87,160	42,159	36,203	24,704	96,418
1989-90	35,248	40,815	99,699	50,939	38,052	22,774	88,503
1990-91	31,945	38,644	87,036	65,434	32,038	24,522	83,727
1991-92	36,978	34,538	90,661	72,578	29,941	23,494	81,065
1992-93	38,619	38,153	96,338	65,689	39,334	26,140	87,761
1993-94	40,671	38,529	94,395	71,354	45,199	26,674	84,683
1994-95	39,031	33,033	99,121	66,622	36,197	29,154	80,666
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1984-85	7.0	5.1	-2.5	50.7	-3.1	-7.7	-5.1
1985-86	-4.6	2.5	-1.5	15.9	4.5	7.8	-1.0
1986-87	-1.3	8.9	15.9	5.8	3.0	9.4	8.6
1987-88	3.3	-10.0	1.6	3.7	5.9	-7.1	13.7
1988-89	-5.6	10.1	-5.0	-7.5	5.4	-3.1	5.6
1989-90	7.0	1.1	14.4	20.8	5.1	-7.8	-8.2
1990-91	-9.4	-5.3	-12.7	28.5	-15.8	7.7	-5.4
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	1.0	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-4.0	-14.3	5.0	-6.6	-19.9	9.3	-4.7
MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1994 - 95 -							
July	3,511	2,787	3,793	2,752	3,159	2,278	5,743
August	2,750	3,104	6,061	3,538	3,272	2,454	6,611
September	3,284	2,550	8,132	7,529	3,934	2,972	6,803
October	3,209	3,094	8,284	6,603	2,509	3,570	5,373
November	2,845	3,784	8,927	8,282	3,244	3,013	7,414
December	3,321	2,929	8,859	6,781	2,816	2,486	7,256
January	3,491	2,368	9,623	6,409	2,972	3,005	6,229
February	3,168	2,684	9,445	5,883	3,128	1,781	7,128
March	3,563	2,285	11,089	6,753	3,703	1,382	7,729
April	3,928	2,069	7,764	5,054	2,691	1,977	6,008
May	3,028	3,009	9,421	4,543	2,723	2,098	7,006
June	2,933	2,370	7,723	2,495	2,046	2,138	7,366
1995 - 96 -							
July	3,465	2,161	3,526	1,967	1,799	2,180	6,104
August	2,656	2,614	6,588	3,061	3,204	2,650	7,575
September	3,111	2,240	8,850	4,525	4,212	3,272	7,479
October	2,961	2,125	9,382	5,002	4,455	n.y.a.	6,878
November	3,182	2,476	9,914	6,001	4,017	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1994 - 95 -							
August	-21.7	11.4	59.8	28.6	3.6	7.7	15.1
September	19.4	-17.8	34.2	112.8	20.2	21.1	2.9
October	-2.3	21.3	1.9	-12.3	-36.2	20.1	-21.0
November	-11.3	22.3	7.8	25.4	29.3	-15.6	38.0
December	16.7	-22.6	-0.8	-18.1	-13.2	-17.5	-2.1
January	5.1	-19.2	8.6	-5.5	5.5	20.9	-14.2
February	-9.3	13.3	-1.8	-8.2	5.2	-40.7	14.4
March	12.5	-14.9	17.4	14.8	18.4	-22.4	8.4
April	10.2	-9.5	-30.0	-25.2	-27.3	43.1	-22.3
May	-22.9	45.4	21.3	-10.1	1.2	6.1	16.6
June	-3.1	-21.2	-18.0	-45.1	-24.9	1.9	5.1
1995 - 96 -							
July	18.1	-8.8	-54.3	-21.2	-12.1	2.0	-17.1
August	-23.3	21.0	86.8	55.6	78.1	21.6	24.1
September	17.1	-14.3	34.3	47.8	31.5	23.5	-1.3
October	-4.8	-5.1	6.0	10.5	5.8	n.y.a.	-8.0
November	7.5	16.5	5.7	20.0	-9.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
South Australia

Period	Employed Full-time Males	Employed Full-time Females	Employed Part-time Males	Employed Part-time Females	Employed Total Males	Employed Total Females	Unem- ployed Males	Unem- ployed Females	Labour Force Males	Labour Force Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1985-86	336.3	134.3	24.4	98.9	360.7	233.2	32.2	22.4	392.9	255.6
1986-87	337.1	137.0	25.4	106.6	362.5	243.6	35.6	24.5	398.1	268.1
1987-88	334.4	137.4	29.3	111.6	363.7	249.0	35.1	24.9	398.8	273.9
1988-89	345.5	145.3	29.7	115.8	375.2	261.1	32.2	22.5	407.4	283.6
1989-90	352.0	149.3	31.5	119.8	383.5	269.1	28.5	20.9	412.0	290.0
1990-91	345.2	148.4	34.1	125.7	379.3	274.1	37.8	25.3	417.1	299.4
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE										
1986-87	0.2	2.0	4.1	7.8	0.5	4.5	10.6	9.4	1.3	4.9
1987-88	-0.8	0.3	15.4	4.7	0.3	2.2	-1.4	1.6	0.2	2.2
1988-89	3.3	5.7	1.4	3.8	3.2	4.9	-8.3	-9.6	2.2	3.5
1989-90	1.9	2.8	6.1	3.5	2.2	3.1	-11.5	-7.1	1.1	2.3
1990-91	-1.9	-0.6	8.3	4.9	-1.1	1.9	32.6	21.1	1.2	3.2
1991-92	-6.3	-1.8	10.0	-3.3	-4.9	-2.5	32.3	15.8	-1.5	-0.9
1992-93	-0.3	-1.7	4.5	4.3	0.2	1.0	3.8	2.0	0.6	1.1
1993-94	-0.1	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	-8.9	0.0	-1.0	1.1
1994-95	0.3	3.6	6.5	3.4	1.0	3.5	-5.7	-4.0	0.2	2.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1994 - 95 -										
January	320.2	153.0	40.9	122.3	361.1	275.3	50.4	26.0	411.5	301.4
February	328.2	154.7	43.6	127.9	371.8	282.6	45.5	30.9	417.3	313.4
March	317.8	151.5	47.8	130.7	365.6	282.2	43.7	30.4	409.3	312.5
April	320.4	149.4	47.7	132.8	368.1	282.2	42.7	28.8	410.8	311.0
May	321.6	154.9	46.3	133.5	367.9	288.3	43.2	26.1	411.1	314.4
June	315.6	149.3	48.7	140.0	364.2	289.3	47.0	25.1	411.2	314.3
1995 - 96 -										
July	323.1	150.3	45.7	137.9	368.8	288.2	41.5	25.0	410.3	313.2
August	323.2	149.1	45.7	139.2	369.0	288.3	43.4	24.1	412.4	312.4
September	326.4	148.7	46.6	136.3	373.0	285.0	44.9	25.8	418.0	310.8
October	324.7	148.9	44.6	132.5	369.3	281.4	43.5	24.7	412.8	306.1
November	328.7	151.7	43.7	133.7	372.4	285.4	40.5	23.5	412.9	308.9
December	334.2	156.9	43.2	132.0	377.4	289.0	40.7	25.8	418.1	314.7
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1994 - 95 -										
December	322.9	152.0	41.3	129.0	364.2	281.0	44.2	28.2	408.4	309.2
January	321.7	152.1	43.0	128.8	364.7	280.9	44.0	27.7	408.7	308.6
February	320.8	152.3	44.6	129.1	365.4	281.4	44.0	27.4	409.4	308.8
March	320.2	152.6	45.9	130.1	366.1	282.7	44.2	27.3	410.3	310.0
April	320.1	152.9	46.8	131.7	366.9	284.6	44.5	27.3	411.3	311.9
May	320.4	152.9	47.2	133.5	367.6	286.4	44.8	27.3	412.4	313.7
June	321.1	152.3	47.3	135.4	368.4	287.7	45.0	27.0	413.4	314.7
1995 - 96 -										
July	322.4	151.3	46.8	136.6	369.2	287.9	45.0	26.5	414.3	314.4
August	324.2	150.3	46.1	136.8	370.3	287.1	44.6	26.1	414.9	313.2
September	325.8	149.8	45.4	136.1	371.2	285.9	44.0	25.7	415.2	311.7
October	327.2	149.9	44.6	135.0	371.8	284.9	43.2	25.4	415.1	310.3
November	328.4	150.2	44.0	133.9	372.4	284.1	42.5	25.1	414.9	309.3
December	329.6	151.2	43.3	132.6	372.9	283.8	41.6	24.8	414.5	308.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1994 - 95 -										
January	-0.4	0.1	4.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.5	-1.8	0.1	-0.2
February	-0.3	0.1	3.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	-1.1	0.2	0.1
March	-0.2	0.2	2.9	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.4
April	0.0	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.6
May	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.6
June	0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	-1.1	0.2	0.3
1995 - 96 -										
July	0.4	-0.7	-1.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.9	0.2	-0.1
August	0.6	-0.7	-1.5	0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-1.5	0.1	-0.4
September	0.5	-0.3	-1.5	-0.5	0.2	-0.4	-1.3	-1.5	0.1	-0.5
October	0.4	0.1	-1.8	-0.8	0.2	-0.3	-1.8	-1.2	0.0	-0.4
November	0.4	0.2	-1.3	-0.8	0.2	-0.3	-1.6	-1.2	0.0	-0.3
December	0.4	0.7	-1.6	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	-2.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.2

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED CONSUMER ITEMS
Adelaide (cents)

Item	Unit	Quarter				
		Sept. 1994	Dec. 1994	Mar. 1995	June 1995	Sept. 1995
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	101	102	104	110	114
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	330	333	317	323	327
Butter	500g	161	159	148	151	163
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	125	128	138	139	148
Self-raising flour	2kg	205	195	216	204	204
Beef:	Rump steak	1kg	1,180	1,124	1,139	1,121
	Comed silverside	1kg	672	665	653	651
Lamb:	Leg	1kg	507	476	495	533
	Loin chops	1kg	666	637	677	699
	Forequarter chops	1kg	500	448	494	507
Pork:	Leg	1kg	598	596	600	589
	Loin chops	1kg	753	747	745	736
Chicken, frozen	1kg	325	331	328	323	330
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	260	244	309	291	296
Sausages	1kg	373	370	373	370	374
Potatoes	1kg	60	95	100	87	106
Onions	1kg	100	109	109	118	181
Peaches, canned	825g	194	185	190	186	190
Eggs, 55g	doz	163	170	181	185	210
Sugar, white	2kg	199	191	189	180	174
Tea	250g	159	165	164	165	162
Coffee, instant, jar	150g	512	521	572	546	563
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	140	138	141	152	140
Petrol:	Leaded(a)	1 litre	71.5	70.8	71.3	72.0
	Unleaded(b)	1 litre	69.7	68.7	69.1	69.8

(a) Description change only, from super grade to leaded.

(b) Introduced from March quarter 1994.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
South Australia

Period	Live births(a)	Deaths(a)	Components of population change			Total increase	Population at end of period
			Natural increase	Net migration			
				Interstate	Overseas (b)		
ANNUAL							
1984-85	19,901	10,204	9,697	-2,317	4,329	11,149	1,371,197
1985-86	19,657	10,427	9,230	-1,417	5,084	11,353	1,382,550
1986-87	19,628	10,577	9,051	-3,977	6,200	10,214	1,392,764
1987-88	19,288	10,799	8,489	-1,240	5,952	12,145	1,404,909
1988-89	19,528	10,814	8,664	-221	6,665	14,120	1,419,029
1989-90	19,653	11,329	8,253	-252	5,762	13,027	1,432,056
1990-91	19,966	11,120	8,767	1,545	4,619	14,243	1,446,299
1991-92	19,530	11,035	8,532	-133	2,897	11,296	1,457,595
1992-93	19,686	11,163	8,403	-4,650	1,546	5,299	1,462,894
1993-94	20,030	11,733	8,230	-3,466	2,126	6,890	1,469,371
1994-95	19,559	11,496	8,022	-6,529	3,102	4,595	1,473,966
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1994 - 95 -							
August	1,789	1,165	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,333	1,005	1,334	-1,380	761	715	1,470,086
October	1,546	942	..	..	..	..	..
November	2,013	1,025	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,525	963	2,135	-1,249	279	1,165	1,471,251
January	1,757	911	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,408	656	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,872	935	2,513	-2,054	1,292	1,751	1,473,002
April	1,393	821	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,806	1,097	..	..	..	..	..
June	1,710	941	2,040	-1,846	770	964	1,473,966
1995 - 96 -							
July	1,506	937	..	..	..	..	..
August	1,615	1,176	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,726	958	1,776	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
October	1,526	1,040	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,647	871	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER
South Australia

Period	Civilian Population aged 15 and over (000) Males	Civilian Population aged 15 and over (000) Females	Unemploy- ment rate Ages 15-19 (%) Persons	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages (%) Males	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages (%) Females	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages (%) Persons	Partici- pation rate (%) Males	Partici- pation rate (%) Females	Partici- pation rate (%) Persons
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1984-85	518.8	538.9	22.1	9.0	9.6	9.2	74.9	45.4	59.9
1985-86	526.9	545.6	20.6	8.2	8.8	8.4	75.6	46.8	60.5
1986-87	534.8	552.4	22.1	8.9	9.1	9.0	74.4	48.5	61.3
1987-88	542.4	560.0	20.8	8.8	9.1	8.9	73.5	48.9	61.0
1988-89	547.9	566.9	17.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	74.3	50.0	62.0
1989-90	552.4	573.4	16.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	74.6	50.6	62.4
1990-91	558.3	579.8	19.2	9.1	8.4	8.8	74.7	51.6	63.0
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1985-86	1.6	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1986-87	1.5	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	1.4	1.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1989-90	0.8	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1990-91	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1991-92	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1994 - 95 -									
September	572.9	594.0	28.3	10.9	9.6	10.3	71.6	53.0	62.1
October	573.2	594.2	29.3	10.6	9.6	10.2	71.6	52.0	61.6
November	573.4	594.4	26.1	10.4	9.5	10.0	70.9	52.4	61.5
December	573.6	594.6	25.6	11.0	9.2	10.2	71.3	52.8	61.9
January	573.9	594.8	24.3	12.3	8.6	10.7	71.7	50.7	61.0
February	574.2	595.0	25.1	10.9	9.8	10.4	72.7	52.7	62.5
March	574.4	595.2	21.3	10.7	9.7	10.3	71.3	52.5	61.7
April	574.6	595.4	23.9	10.4	9.2	9.9	71.5	52.2	61.7
May	574.7	595.6	22.0	10.5	8.3	9.6	71.5	52.8	62.0
June	574.9	595.8	24.3	11.4	8.0	9.9	71.5	52.8	62.0
1995 - 96									
July	575.0	595.9	23.8	10.1	8.0	9.2	71.3	52.6	61.8
August	575.1	596.1	27.2	10.5	7.7	9.3	71.7	52.4	61.9
September	575.3	596.2	27.5	10.7	8.3	9.7	72.7	52.1	62.2
October	575.5	596.5	30.8	10.5	8.1	9.5	71.7	51.3	61.3
November	575.7	596.7	25.3	9.8	7.6	8.9	71.7	51.8	61.6
December	575.9	596.9	n.y.a	9.7	8.2	9.1	72.6	52.7	62.5
MONTHLY, TREND									
1994 - 95 -									
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.9	10.0	10.5	71.5	52.6	61.9
October				10.9	9.7	10.3	71.4	52.5	61.8
November				10.9	9.4	10.2	71.3	52.2	61.6
December				10.8	9.1	10.1	71.2	52.0	61.4
January				10.8	9.0	10.0	71.2	51.9	61.4
February				10.8	8.9	9.9	71.3	51.9	61.4
March				10.8	8.8	9.9	71.4	52.1	61.6
April				10.8	8.8	9.9	71.6	52.4	61.8
May				10.9	8.7	9.9	71.8	52.7	62.0
June				10.9	8.6	9.9	71.9	52.8	62.2
1995 - 96 -									
July				10.9	8.4	9.8	72.0	52.8	62.2
August				10.8	8.3	9.7	72.1	52.5	62.2
September				10.6	8.3	9.6	72.2	52.3	62.0
October				10.4	8.2	9.5	72.1	52.0	61.9
November				10.2	8.1	9.3	72.1	51.8	61.8
December				10.0	8.0	9.2	72.0	51.7	61.7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES
South Australia

Period	Full-time adults						All employees		
	Ordinary time earnings			Total earnings			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1983-84	358.30	294.50	339.90	377.60	300.20	355.20	346.60	218.30	294.00
1984-85	381.90	319.30	364.80	407.40	325.80	385.10	367.20	238.70	316.20
1985-86	406.30	340.50	388.30	431.80	346.60	408.40	389.00	252.70	334.50
1986-87	431.80	363.70	412.20	455.90	370.20	431.20	411.80	268.90	352.20
1987-88	458.60	389.70	438.40	485.00	397.00	459.20	440.10	295.10	379.60
1988-89	481.50	424.30	465.70	517.60	435.10	494.90	473.40	315.10	408.50
1989-90	517.50	454.90	499.40	560.70	466.50	533.50	511.60	338.00	437.80
1990-91	561.30	486.10	537.90	598.90	496.10	566.90	546.70	358.10	462.00
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1984-85	6.6	8.4	7.3	7.9	8.5	8.4	5.9	9.3	7.6
1985-86	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.8
1986-87	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.6	6.8	5.6	5.9	6.4	5.3
1987-88	6.2	7.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.9	9.7	7.8
1988-89	5.0	8.9	6.2	6.7	9.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.6
1989-90	7.5	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.3	7.2
1990-91	8.5	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.5
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1992 - 93 -									
19 February	610.10	533.30	584.80	648.50	543.90	614.10	559.50	381.60	477.70
20 May	610.00	543.70	589.00	645.10	557.10	617.20	565.50	385.30	484.50
1993 - 94 -									
20 August	631.00	546.90	603.30	673.30	559.50	635.80	599.70	394.20	503.10
19 November	626.50	543.20	599.40	667.10	554.90	630.70	583.50	386.70	492.50
18 February	619.90	548.80	597.30	665.30	558.80	631.50	601.30	405.50	512.80
20 May	622.90	551.40	599.80	664.30	567.10	632.90	595.80	399.80	504.80
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	628.20	553.70	602.60	674.20	566.70	637.20	591.40	410.80	507.40
18 November	619.10	558.00	598.60	667.50	572.80	635.70	586.90	410.20	505.10
17 February	648.40	560.80	619.90	699.90	572.80	658.50	620.10	415.80	527.90
19 May	635.10	563.90	611.70	685.20	577.80	649.90	601.10	410.80	513.30
18 August	639.90	560.10	613.80	684.50	571.80	647.60	600.80	408.60	510.20
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1993 - 94 -									
18 February	1.6	2.9	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.8	7.5	6.3	7.3
20 May	2.1	1.4	1.8	3.0	1.8	2.5	5.4	3.8	4.2
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	-0.4	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.3	0.2	-1.4	4.2	0.9
18 November	-1.2	2.7	-0.1	0.1	3.2	0.8	0.6	6.1	2.6
17 February	4.6	2.2	3.8	5.2	2.5	4.3	3.1	2.5	2.9
19 May	2.0	2.3	2.0	3.1	1.9	2.7	0.9	2.8	1.7
18 August	1.9	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	-0.5	0.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1992 - 93 -									
20 May	0.0	2.0	0.7	-0.5	2.4	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.4
1993 - 94 -									
20 August	3.4	0.6	2.4	4.4	0.4	3.0	6.0	2.3	3.8
19 November	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-2.7	-1.9	-2.1
18 February	-1.1	1.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.7	0.1	3.1	4.9	4.1
20 May	0.5	0.5	0.4	-0.2	1.5	0.2	-0.9	-1.4	-1.6
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	0.9	0.4	0.5	1.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.7	2.8	0.5
18 November	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
17 February	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.9	0.0	3.6	5.7	1.4	4.5
19 May	-2.1	0.6	-1.3	-2.1	0.9	-1.3	-3.1	-1.2	-2.8
18 August	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.6

FINANCE COMMITMENTS **South Australia**

Secured housing finance commitments to individuals

Construction and purchase of dwellings

<i>Period</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Amount (\$ million)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions (\$ million)</i>	<i>Personal finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Commercial finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Lease finance commitments (\$ million)</i>
ANNUAL						
1983-84	27,968	894.0	45.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1984-85	28,484	1,127.6	48.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1985-86	21,714	920.1	48.9	1,203.9	3,492.7	339.8
1986-87	21,658	965.5	47.1	1,222.4	4,242.8	334.5
1987-88	26,582	1,266.6	47.0	1,448.9	6,486.6	392.1
1988-89	29,977	1,574.2	51.4	1,534.1	7,285.5	512.4
1989-90	25,650	1,438.2	45.8	1,525.7	6,926.4	445.4
1990-91	28,694	1,731.3	58.8	1,503.6	6,257.0	323.2
1991-92	31,765	2,083.8	88.8	1,456.7	6,666.4	256.2
1992-93	36,960	2,569.5	102.8	1,656.8	5,122.4	249.5
1993-94	45,725	3,387.9	221.8	1,840.5	5,467.2	250.6
1994-95	36,414	2,878.6	242.2	2,152.2	5,752.1	271.5

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

1984-85	1.8	26.1	6.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1985-86	-23.8	-18.4	1.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1986-87	-0.3	4.9	-3.7	1.5	21.5	-1.6
1987-88	22.7	31.2	-0.2	18.5	52.9	17.2
1988-89	12.8	24.3	9.4	5.9	12.3	30.7
1989-90	-14.4	-8.6	-10.9	-0.5	-4.9	-13.1
1990-91	11.9	20.4	28.4	-1.4	-9.7	-27.4
1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.5	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.8	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.4	-15.0	9.2	16.9	5.2	8.3

MONTHLY

1994 - 95 -						
September	3,209	248.5	17.5	169.2	361.3	24.5
October	3,051	234.0	20.1	163.5	417.6	20.6
November	3,228	252.4	20.9	191.0	493.2	19.7
December	2,839	220.6	20.6	174.5	575.3	23.0
January	2,643	210.3	15.6	160.8	348.7	21.4
February	2,629	215.4	20.9	169.6	411.0	17.3
March	3,228	260.7	21.4	206.7	468.1	20.8
April	2,390	192.8	19.0	156.6	397.4	14.3
May	2,923	236.9	18.9	193.6	588.8	26.0
June	3,290	268.2	21.7	233.5	556.7	31.7
1995 - 96 -						
July	3,013	243.5	19.3	192.7	529.9	27.4
August	3,315	256.7	17.9	209.6	499.6	20.0
September	3,167	241.8	18.2	182.4	421.6	18.2
October	3,287	249.6	19.6	187.6	449.7	18.8
November	3,589	271.1	23.2	203.9	526.0	21.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

1994 - 95 -						
October	-4.9	-5.8	14.9	-3.4	15.6	-16.0
November	5.8	7.9	4.0	16.8	18.1	-4.1
December	-12.1	-12.6	-1.4	-8.6	16.6	16.5
January	-6.9	-4.7	-24.3	-7.9	-39.4	-7.0
February	-0.5	2.4	34.0	5.5	17.9	-19.1
March	22.8	21.0	2.4	21.9	13.9	19.9
April	-26.0	-26.0	-11.2	-24.2	-15.1	-31.0
May	22.3	22.9	-0.5	23.6	48.2	81.8
June	12.6	13.2	14.8	20.6	-5.4	21.9
1995 - 96 -						
July	-8.4	-9.2	-11.1	-17.5	-4.8	-13.7
August	10.0	5.4	-7.0	8.8	-5.7	-26.9
September	-4.5	-5.8	1.4	-13.0	-15.6	-9.1
October	3.8	3.2	7.6	2.8	6.7	3.3
November	9.2	8.6	18.5	8.7	17.0	11.7

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